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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER & BUSINESS MEETING

For the October meeting, the menu for Family Night Supper will be a baked potato bar. The potatoes will be provided by the church. Please bring toppings, such as butter, sour cream, cheese, bacon bits, etc. Salads are also welcome as a side dish. Feel free to bring desserts or drinks.

For November, we will have an Italian Night on November 16. Please bring any type of Italian dish. Salads, bread, desserts, or drinks are also appreciated.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP MEAL

The Social Committee is discussing a Thanksgiving meal after the worship service on Sunday, November 20. Details will be provided after all planning is completed.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27 and runs through Christmas on Sunday, December 25.

We plan to have our usual worship service at 11:00am on Christmas Day. Other changes and other events will be announced in the next newsletter.

“Hanging of the Greens” (decorating the church) is planned for December 4. Information about poinsettias will be announced later.



October/November 2022

Florence Baptist Church News

Homecoming 2022



Dates to Remember

October

Oct. 6 Youth Bowling
 Event after HS Football Game

Oct. 9 **Homecoming**
 Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Homecoming Worship Service 11 a.m.

Oct. 10 Deacon’s Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 12 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.

Oct. 19 Family Night Supper 6 p.m.
 Bible Study at 7 p.m.
 Business Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Oct. 30 **Fall Festival** 4—6 p.m.

Oct 30 Youth Trip to Sease Farms Corn
 Maze after Fall Festival

November

Nov. 2 Church Council 7:45 p.m.

Nov. 6 Daylight Savings Time ends
 Deadline for Operation Christmas Child
 shoeboxes

Nov. 9 Ladies Outreach 10 a.m.

Nov. 13 Dedication of Operation Christmas
 Child shoeboxes during Morning
 Worship

Nov. 14 Deacons Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 16 Family Night Supper 6 p.m.
 Bible Study 7 p.m.
 Business Meeting 7:45 p.m.

Nov 20 Thanksgiving Meal after Morning
 Worship Service

Nov. 23 Youth Friendsgiving Service
 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 27 Advent begins

We will celebrate Homecoming on October 9th with a special speaker and special music. Rev. Bill Padgett will be our special speaker for our Homecoming worship service. He was a longtime pastor of Convent Baptist Church and is currently preaching and filling in different churches in the Lexington County area. Amanda Bannister will supply our special music.

After the worship service, “Dinner on the Grounds” will be served in the Family Life Center. We encourage everyone to bring their “Sunday Dinner” to share with all. The church will provide the fried chicken. Everyone should bring some side dishes, desserts, and drinks. As Mr. James Black used to remind us: “Bring enough for your family and one more.”

Homecoming 2014

**Visiting Speaker: Rev. Kyle Harmon
 with Mrs. Harmon
 Pastor: Rev. Wesley Mayfield**



Ladies Outreach

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Ladies' Outreach sponsors the collection of shoe boxes filled with items for boys and girls as a Christmas gift. Operation Christmas Child is one project of the Samaritan's Purse organization. OCC shoeboxes are available in the church foyer beginning September 25 through October 23.

Please fill in the sign-up sheet with the number of boxes you take. Each box already has a label to be completed, and an instruction sheet is inside the boxes. If you have empty shoe boxes at home, they can also be used. Postage is requested for each box collected by the church. The cost of postage is now \$10 per box. If anyone wants to make a donation for the postage or extra items, instead of filling a shoebox, please make the check payable to Florence Baptist Church and designate it for Operation Christmas Child.

Suggested items to include in the boxes are:

- *WOW items – soccer ball with pump, doll, stuffed animal, or shoes
- *Toys – toy cars, jump ropes, yo-yos, or toys that light up and make noise (include extra batteries)
- *Personal care items – toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap, combs or hairbrushes
- *School supplies – pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks or paper, coloring and picture books, or solar calculators
- *Accessories – socks, sunglasses, jewelry and watches, or flashlights (with extra batteries)

The items listed here should **NOT** be included in the shoe boxes: toothpaste, candy, gum, food, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, and aerosol cans.

After filling your box, please mark the label as **boy or girl** and also mark the applicable **age group**. If you pay the postage amount, please make the check payable to the church, as instructed above. The filled shoe boxes should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, November 6.

NANCY K. PERRY CHILDREN'S SHELTER PROJECT

The Ladies' Outreach group recently collected items for the local Nancy K. Perry Children's Shelter. We received a good variety of items: clothing, socks and underwear, cleaning supplies, paper products, toiletries and hairbrushes, etc. A donation of \$100 was made to the Ladies' Outreach, and this amount was passed on to the shelter. These items were delivered on September 6, and the shelter sent 2 thank-you cards for these donations:

Thank you so much for collecting all the household, clothing, and cleaning supplies for us. We really appreciate them. We appreciate the support of our shelter.

To our friends at Florence Baptist Church: Thank you so much for the clothing, household, toiletry, and food items. We also appreciate the check. You all are a blessing! Thanks for the love and support of our shelter.

NKP Staff & Children

World Hunger Day

We haven't had a Women on Mission group for several years now, and some of the annual mission offerings have been missed. It has been a while since we collected money for the World Hunger Fund. Mrs. Betty Haynes always supported this particular project. We will collect money for World Hunger now through October 16 in memory of Mrs. Betty.

World Hunger Day occurs on the second Sunday in October, which is our Homecoming Day. Some World Hunger jars will be in the Family Life Center during the Homecoming meal for cash donations. Money or checks can also be placed in the regular offering over the next couple of Sundays. Please make checks payable to Florence Baptist Church and designate the money for World Hunger. If the brown offering envelopes are used, please mark the envelope as a mission offering.



YOUTH EVENTS

Our youth group will have a bowling event after the high school football game on October 6. After the Fall Festival on October 30, the youth group will leave around 6:00pm for the Sease Farms Corn Maze event.

The youth group will celebrate Friendsgiving on November 23 at 7:00pm.

See You At The Pole!

Amanda Bannister and others from our church assisted Pelion Middle School and Pelion High School with "See You at the Pole" on September 28. This is a national event that occurs in late September each year. The students and other community members meet around the flagpole at school for a time of prayer before the school day begins. A light breakfast, such as donuts and juice, is also served to the participating students.



Fall Festival



.Our Fall Festival is scheduled for Sunday, October 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. This event usually includes candy, food, cake walk and other games, and lots of fun!! More details will be shared later.



Pictures from Fall Festival in 2012.