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The challenging economic times in which we live have stirred the people of First Baptist Church in Aiken to prioritize their giving of time, talent, and treasure. Our focus on that which is most important in our ministries is reflected in our church's historic commitment to collaborative missions endeavors. God's gracious generosity has continued to inspire and extend the faithful generosity of our folk.

Our investment with other kindred congregations through CBFSC allows us to accomplish together what none of us can do alone. It is a wonderfully meaningful partnership that God blesses to address real, pressing needs and Kingdom opportunities in our state, nation, and world!

—Fred Andrea, pastor
First Baptist Church, Aiken

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina depends upon the generous contributions of churches to sustain our mission and ministry. A list of our partner churches for 2010 is on pages 3-4.

GIVING: RESPONDING TO THE EXTRAVAGANT HEART OF GOD.

Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson has just finished a period of emphasizing generosity with the theme of **RESPONDING TO THE EXTRAVAGANT HEART OF GOD**. "Our generosity is a response to God's generosity—we give because God gave," said pastor Johnny McKinney. "Our generosity moves beyond the individual. It must include the church being generous beyond her doors."

At Boulevard, the church sends nearly 35 percent of its financial resources beyond the local congregation to impact the world with the presence of Christ. "CBF of SC is one of those partners that enables us to be the presence of Christ at the corner of Boulevard and the world," Johnny said.



OUR 2011 ALLENDALE WORK DAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 19.

The Allendale Work Day for 2011 has been moved to the spring. We will do construction work at six houses and yard work at several others. Some churches in the community have asked for help, and both the African American Cultural Center and Museum need reroofing. The more volunteers we have, the more we will be able to accomplish.

REGISTRATION

So that we can plan appropriately, you **MUST** register in advance. Registration closes Friday, March 11. Individuals may register online at www.cbfofsc.org. Groups should call or email Debbie (debbie@cbfofsc.org). When you register, indicate the skills and/or interests you have from the list at right.

On the day of the event, check-in is at First Baptist Church, 259 Memorial Ave. (803.584.2318), from 8-9 a.m. The fee for non-Allendale County residents is \$15. That includes lunch, insurance and other Work Day expenses. If this is a hardship for anyone, please call the CBFSC office (803-779-1888) and we will help.



Volunteers at the 2010 Allendale Work Day.



◀ Volunteers at the first work day in 2007.

WORK DAY DIRECTORS

This year we are transitioning leadership to Lottie and Frank Lewis, residents of the Sugar Hill Flat Street neighborhood in Allendale County. Lottie is president of their Neighborhood Association and a member of City Council.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Masonry worker for a small job
- Roofers for small jobs
- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Carpenters
- Painters
- Yard work/Landscapers
- People to clean up job sites
- Go-fers
- Food servers
- Mural painter for Farmer's Market – small kiosk type building
- Window installers
- Nurses and LPNs
- One or two people at each of six home sites whose job it is to relate to the family.
- A group to lead a VBS-type activity at a nursing home.

Bring tools appropriate to the job you will do, such as brushes, rollers and roller pans, ladders, work gloves, hammers, masonry equipment, saws – skill, circular, etc.

GETTING READY FOR WORK DAY

As a kick-off to Work Day, Town Administrator Dewayne Ennis arranged for the local fire department to demolish five abandoned houses that are falling down, dangerous and hang-outs for drug trade. These are the first of several houses that will be demolished in an effort to rid the town of abandoned houses.



OVERNIGHT LODGING

Some of you will drive several hours to get to Allendale County. If you would like to come the night before, five residents of the Sugar Hill Flat Street community have opened their homes to two overnight guests each on Friday, March 18. Please indicate if you would like to stay in one of these homes. There are also two or three older motels in Allendale and there is a Days Inn in both Hampton and in Barnwell. For more information, call Beverly at 864-360-1396.

Breakfast will be served at First Baptist Church on Saturday morning.

There is much excitement within the community about Work Day and our goal is to have an equal number of residents and CBFSC volunteers working together. —Beverly Greer

Gifts given through CBF of South Carolina

Calendar year Jan. 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2010

These are gifts given through CBFSC. Some churches may make direct gifts to CBF National, and to other designated causes.

Church	City	General Budget of CBFSC	State Missions CBFSC	General Budget of CBF National	Global Missions CBF National	Other	Total Giving to CBFSC
Augusta Heights Baptist Church	Greenville	\$1,622.50	\$0.00	\$357.50	\$57.84	\$0.00	\$2,037.84
Augusta Road Baptist Church	Greenville	\$2,964.97	\$95.42	\$4,499.36	\$540.00	\$0.00	\$8,099.75
Belmont Baptist Church	Columbia	\$790.98	\$400.00	\$985.09	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$2,306.07
Boulevard Baptist Church	Anderson	\$33,939.96	\$260.00	\$50,358.22	\$2,212.50	\$250.00	\$87,020.68
Brunson Baptist Church	Brunson	\$1,207.80	\$375.00	\$1,263.15	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,597.95
Cedar Spring Baptist Church	Spartanburg	\$491.55	\$0.00	\$702.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,193.63
Cherokee Avenue Baptist	Gaffney	\$262.00	\$0.00	\$378.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$640.00
Chesterfield Baptist Church	Chesterfield	\$1,125.00	\$274.00	\$1,375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,774.00
Collins Creek Baptist Church	Murrells Inlet	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Corinth Baptist Church	Vance	\$2,184.41	\$20.00	\$3,182.64	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$5,512.05
Cornerstone Baptist Church	Hartsville	\$1,071.71	\$100.04	\$257.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,428.97
Crossroads Missionary Baptist	Piedmont	\$119.69	\$25.72	\$189.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$335.36
Earle Street Baptist Church	Greenville	\$1,709.82	\$0.00	\$2,435.62	\$2,221.35	\$0.00	\$6,366.79
East Park Baptist Church	Greenville	\$72.20	\$0.00	\$43.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115.76
Eau Claire Baptist Church	Columbia	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Emmanuel Baptist Fellowship	Lexington	\$1,102.32	\$0.00	\$1,677.75	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$3,280.07
Fernwood Baptist Church	Spartanburg	\$7,276.50	\$250.00	\$7,276.48	\$1,105.00	\$0.00	\$15,907.98
First Baptist Church	Aiken	\$52,731.20	\$1,477.00	\$0.00	\$51,104.64	\$3,865.00	\$125,988.10
First Baptist Church	Allendale	\$587.50	\$0.00	\$562.50	\$744.40	\$0.00	\$1,894.40
First Baptist Church	Anderson	\$13,265.71	\$1,411.00	\$18,538.61	\$3,255.00	\$1,207.50	\$37,677.82
First Baptist Church	Belton	\$3,911.12	\$755.00	\$5,994.55	\$4,125.80	\$0.00	\$14,786.47
First Baptist Church	Blackville	\$5,285.67	\$0.00	\$259.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,545.47
First Baptist Church	Clemson	\$6,127.65	\$1,094.00	\$9,091.35	\$4,230.00	\$0.00	\$20,543.00
First Baptist Church	Clinton	\$5,583.54	\$631.02	\$264.77	\$2,010.06	\$0.00	\$8,489.39
First Baptist Church	Conway	\$2,740.20	\$0.00	\$4,570.74	\$350.00	\$3,595.00	\$11,255.94
First Baptist Church	Denmark	\$0.00	\$190.50	\$0.00	\$241.41	\$0.00	\$431.91
First Baptist Church	Easley	\$4,710.61	\$0.00	\$6,961.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,672.02
First Baptist Church	Edgefield	\$1,727.10	\$0.00	\$1,600.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,328.00
First Baptist Church	Gaffney	\$4,045.05	\$297.99	\$196.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,539.15
First Baptist Church	Greenville	\$124.83	\$2,875.53	\$0.00	\$48,883.87	\$0.00	\$51,884.23
First Baptist Church	Greenwood	\$13,665.00	\$10,435.65	\$22,035.00	\$8,521.30	\$5,245.15	\$63,142.46
First Baptist Church	Holly Hill	\$5,073.44	\$0.00	\$3,280.69	\$753.00	\$0.00	\$9,107.13
First Baptist Church	Inman	\$10,675.03	\$0.00	\$16,079.51	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$26,754.54
First Baptist Church	Lake City	\$13,500.00	\$0.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
First Baptist Church	Lake View	\$0.00	\$795.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$795.57
First Baptist Church	Lancaster	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
First Baptist Church	Laurens	\$1,090.26	\$0.00	\$1,718.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,808.92
First Baptist Church	Loris	\$302.50	\$0.00	\$282.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$605.00
First Baptist Church	Mauldin	\$1,236.78	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,236.78

Church	City	General Budget of CBFSC	State Missions CBFSC	General Budget of CBF National	Global Missions CBF National	Other	Total Giving through CBFSC
First Baptist Church	N. Charleston	\$235.24	\$0.00	\$353.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$588.42
First Baptist Church	Orangeburg	\$12,425.00	\$0.00	\$23,075.00	\$12,649.36	\$0.00	\$48,149.36
First Baptist Church	Pendleton	\$8,872.50	\$850.00	\$9,327.50	\$3,097.00	\$0.00	\$22,147.00
First Baptist Church	Piedmont	\$2,013.14	\$440.00	\$2,981.30	\$605.00	\$300.00	\$6,364.44
First Baptist Church	Simpsonville	\$3,209.96	\$0.00	\$1,857.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,067.31
First Baptist Church	Walterboro	\$6,943.81	\$1,140.00	\$10,480.61	\$5,212.25	\$0.00	\$23,776.67
First Baptist Church	Woodruff	\$1,192.80	\$0.00	\$99.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,292.05
First Baptist Church	York	\$9,431.16	\$859.70	\$4,553.39	\$1,578.48	\$0.00	\$16,422.73
Florence Baptist Fellowship	Florence	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Greenlawn Baptist Church	Columbia	\$6,153.27	\$1,159.10	\$0.00	\$2,441.00	\$0.00	\$9,753.37
Kathwood Baptist Church	Columbia	\$12,624.83	\$2,955.00	\$16,290.90	\$3,520.00	\$0.00	\$35,390.73
Lakeview Baptist Church	Camden	\$2,931.34	\$600.00	\$1,267.88	\$1,840.00	\$0.00	\$6,639.22
Lawtonville Baptist Church	Estill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$173.00	\$2,744.00
New Heights Baptist Church	Gaffney	\$2,785.15	\$0.00	\$4,195.33	\$1,609.00	\$0.00	\$8,589.48
New Hope Christian Fellowship	W. Columbia	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00
Nixonville Chapel	Conway	\$480.00	\$1,660.75	\$720.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,860.75
Oakland Baptist Church	Rock Hill	\$41,962.50	\$4,482.98	\$27,975.00	\$6,724.48	\$350.00	\$81,494.96
Parisview Baptist Church	Greenville	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Pelham Road Baptist Church	Greenville	\$1,151.79	\$0.00	\$1,406.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,557.80
Pendleton Street Baptist Church	Greenville	\$675.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$675.35
Providence Baptist Church	Daniel Island	\$3,780.00	\$2,480.00	\$7,020.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,280.00
Rivertown Community Church	Conway	\$1,500.00	\$1,027.37	\$0.00	\$2,547.00	\$0.00	\$5,074.37
Sans Souci Baptist Church	Greenville	\$333.62	\$0.00	\$130.99	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$489.61
Shaws Fork Baptist Church	Aiken	\$280.35	\$0.00	\$65.65	\$88.00	\$0.00	\$434.00
St. Andrews Baptist Church	Columbia	\$13,693.63	\$20.00	\$20,582.23	\$5,686.77	\$0.00	\$41,488.21
Swift Creek Baptist Church	Hartsville	\$1,305.12	\$25.00	\$1,943.08	\$725.00	\$0.00	\$3,998.20
The Baptist Church of Beaufort	Beaufort	\$15,063.64	\$2,046.23	\$5,162.45	\$5,728.41	\$1,107.00	\$29,625.48
The Bible Fellowship Baptist Church	Little River	\$52.50	\$0.00	\$97.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Tidal Creek Fellowship	Beaufort	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$360.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Timberlake Baptist Church	Myrtle Beach	\$3,366.78	\$0.00	\$4,918.21	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,284.99
Trinity Baptist Church	Seneca	\$16,350.00	\$3,400.00	\$24,650.00	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$47,400.00
Total Church Giving		\$373,433.08	\$44,909.57	\$352,776.53	\$188,577.92	\$16,917.65	\$1,003,466.70
Individual Giving		\$40,049.87	\$2,670.00	\$7,604.25	\$0.00	\$4,250.74	\$54,574.86
TOTAL GIVING		\$413,482.95	\$47,579.57	\$360,380.78	\$188,577.92	\$21,168.39	\$1,058,041.56

If you notice a discrepancy, please contact the CBFSC office.

Thank you for your support of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina operates on a fiscal year that runs from July 1-June 30.

WHERE CAN WE GO ON A MISSION TRIP?

CBFSC Work Day 2011

Allendale Work Day this year will be held on March 19, not in the fall and will be led by Lottie and Frank Lewis. They are residents of the Sugar Hill Flat Street neighborhood in Allendale. Lottie is president of their Neighborhood Association and a member of City Council. This year's work day will truly be an Allendale Work Day with CBFSC participants "Working Together, Caring Together" alongside Allendale residents.

Metanoia

Metanoia, CBFSC's ministry in Charleston, has received national attention for its ground breaking and innovative approach to community development ministries. In its initial stages there was an intentional effort not to flood the community with volunteers so that locals would gain a sense of ownership over the ministry. With that feeling of ownership being clearly understood by local community residents, Metanoia now offers opportunities year round for groups to visit Charleston and see how God's kingdom is alive and well in even the most distressed communities of our state. "The only thing we require is that folks come open to being transformed themselves by the power of the Gospel, as much as they are expecting to transform our community," says CBFSC Urban Minister Bill Stanfield.

Out of town groups that serve alongside Metanoia's committed staff and community residents generally perform light construction tasks on housing projects and may also have opportunities to bring specific programming to youth in Metanoia's programs. Groups that tend to have the most rewarding experiences are well led internally and are made up of people of high school age or older. Metanoia focuses on utilizing volunteers in a way that is both helpful for our community and also formational for the volunteers themselves. Groups are encouraged to plan on being in Charleston on a Sunday to worship at St. Matthew Baptist Church where Metanoia is housed (or at our CBF partner church, Providence Baptist). Groups can also have Metanoia staff lead them in devotions geared to getting a clear picture of how we are working to share the gospel in our community. While the summer of 2011 is already fully booked for large church groups, Metanoia is now filling its fall calendar (and already looking to the summer of 2012). Contact Bill at bill@pushingforward.org.

Roma gypsies in Hungary and Romania

Tammy and Ralph Stocks work with Roma gypsies. They offer support to Project Ruth which includes the Ruth School, an elementary school in Bucharest providing education for Roma children. Opportunities for mission engagement with the Roma include VBS-style activities for children, construction teams to paint or do building maintenance at Project Ruth, landscaping, teaching English as a second language, and women's ministry. Pastors and theological professors can volunteer to teach for a week at the Gypsy Smith Leadership Training School of Project Ruth. Contact Ralph & Tammy at rstocks@thefellowship.info. Ellen Sechrest at Boulevard Baptist Church in Anderson has led teams to the Ruth School many times. Contact her for suggestions. esechrest@boulevardbaptist.com.

The Timothy Project

The Timothy Project is an ecumenical missions-coordination agency for church, youth, college and intergenerational groups. Based in the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina, they identify, develop, assist and support ongoing mission efforts in the southeastern US. Their summer mission activities are youth-oriented and seek to connect students with opportunities to serve, learn and grow in relationship to Jesus Christ and others. This year they have projects in Madison, Yancey, and Buncombe counties in North Carolina and in Charleston, SC. For more information, visit www.TheTimothyProjects.com. Pelham Road Baptist Church in Greenville worked with The Timothy Project last year. Contact Sam Coates at sam@pelham-road.org for information about the experience.

Canada

Kim and Marc Wyatt, CBF Field Personnel with the Internationals Team in North America, work in Ottawa, the capital city of Canada. The Wyatts welcome churches and individuals called to minister among the unreached and marginalized people groups. For specific opportunities to serve with the Wyatts in Canada, e-mail wyatt@thefellowship.info or call (613) 521-4918. First Baptist Church Greenville has previously worked with the Wyatts. Contact Laura Shelley, laura.shelley@firstbaptistgreenville.com, for information.

Western North Carolina Slavic Ministry

Fran and Mike Graham lead this ministry among Slavic immigrants as they integrate into the Asheville, NC, area. Dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists will be needed the last week of April to assist with the Dental Van. During the summer, groups are needed to lead Backyard Bible Clubs and host Saturday picnics in the apartment complexes. In addition to the "family move-in kits" that are listed on their website, 48 pairs of standard pillowcases are needed to accompany sheets that have already been donated. Contact Fran and Mike Graham at www.wncslavicministries.org. Beverly Greer can provide more details about this opportunity. beverly@cbfsc.org

Haiti

Steve and Nancy James provide medical services in Haiti. Skilled medical professionals in Haiti are often overworked and poorly paid, and hospitals lack the proper infrastructure to function. The Jameses have three major goals: to network people by understanding the concrete needs in Haiti, to encourage staff at medical clinics as well as Haitian Christians, and to empower by sharing medical and spiritual training. In addition, teams are building homes, which continues to be a tremendous need after the earthquake. If you are interested in construction, contact Chris Boltin at cboltin@thefellowship.info. If you are interested in Haiti medical missions, contact jamesinhaiti@gmail.com. FBC Greenville plans to send a team to Haiti this spring. Contact Laura Shelley, laura.shelley@firstbaptistgreenville.com.





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On being intentional and generous

by Wayne Patterson,
moderator



Were you able to make it to church Sunday? “No the weather was so bad I could barely make it to Blockbuster.” Does this sound familiar—I hope not but all too often we are careless when we’re confronted with *easier said than done* choices. We must make an intentional and uncompromising effort to stick to our knitting even in difficult circumstances. Our commitments require intentional effort because we are carrying out the Great Commission every day.

Just as weather may affect our decision to attend worship, the vitality of the economy often affects the financial support of ministry. As we evaluate the economic situation in South Carolina and the nation, we have many reasons to be thankful. Even as the times have been difficult for many individuals, congregations, and non-profit organizations, our Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of South Carolina is weathering the storm. Although we’ve reduced our budget, we have been able to continue our ministry and missions efforts. The cheerful attitude and generous nature of our supporters is commendable.

Let me propose a way to strengthen our ministry and missions efforts as we move

forward. Be even more generous—Give more!

While this may seem an oversimplification, I believe that we must rise above the temptation either to stop or reduce our giving as family budgets are squeezed. Many of our supporters give through their church budget and some also give additionally as individuals. Will your church budget be able to increase, or at least not cut, the missions portion of its budget this year?

If you are already giving as an individual, will you to consider increasing your regular gift? If you’re not already giving directly to CBFSC, will you consider whether you should begin such giving?

The answer to these questions will determine whether our ministry and missions efforts can be maintained and expanded. Our staff and volunteers have worked diligently with the resources available and will continue to do so. But, additional support will allow even more needs and opportunities to be addressed. It’s time to sincerely embrace becoming even more cheerful and generous givers—We will all benefit.