

The Herald

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A Message From Our Pastor...

Dear Saints,

April is a beautiful month! The weather will become warmer, grass will grow, flowers will bloom, and birds will sing their sweet songs. I smile and enjoy the sweet fragrance of Spring and the excitement of people young and old.

April brings our most precious celebration; Easter. Children will be excited about dying eggs, chocolate bunnies, and Easter egg hunts. I like to watch the children run around and search out every spot an egg could be. We know that Easter is not about all of that; however cute it may be. It's not about a bunny, it's about The Lamb!

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13. If a man gives up his life for his friend, he gives ALL that he has. Jesus is the best friend I have. Jesus is the best friend you can ever have. He stretched out His arms and gave it all up, not for Himself, but for us. For you, for me, for people who could not save themselves. He knew that it would take His precious blood to cover our sins. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood, nothing but the blood of JESUS! I ask you to Invite a friend to our Easter Service. Invite someone who needs to know the saving grace of Jesus. Someone who needs a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

April will also bring our Spring Revival. We'll have Revival meetings from Apr. 23rd through April 26th. One of my favorite evangelists, Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr. will be here preaching The Word! Dr. Reavis has a way of preaching like no other. It's not about his ability, it's about Jesus working through him. We all need Revival. Try your best to make it to all of the meetings. This can be a great time of spiritual growth in our church. Be open to the Lord's calling on your heart. Invite your friends and family members to come sit with you. Pray for Dr. Reavis; that the Lord uses him in a mighty way to revive our hearts. Is Jesus your best friend? Cry out to your best friend for a great Revival in our church. It can begin here at South Florence Baptist and sweep across our neighborhoods. Revival is what we need to long for.

Just for Jesus,
Pastor Allen



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SUNDAY

Sunday School: 8:45 AM

Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Evening worship: 6:00 PM

TeamKid: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY

Worship: 7:00 PM

T-412 Youth: 7:00 PM

Mission Friends: 7:00 PM

RAS & GAS: 7:00 PM

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Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal is \$1,000.00. Please remember our North American missionaries in prayer, as they work to plant seeds and bring people to the Lord.



Upward Soccer

We'd like to thank you all for the continued support of our Upward kids. Here's a list of game dates and times. We'd love to see you on the field cheering them on!

4-1	Game 2	9:45am	4-20	Game 6	5:30pm
4-8	Game 3	9:45am	4-22	Game 7	9:45am
4-13	Game 4	5:30pm	4-27	Game 8	5:30pm
4-15	Game 5	9:45am	4-29	Final Game & Closing	



Keeping Florence Beautiful Event

You are all invited to participate in Keeping Florence Beautiful 2017. Our GAs & RAs have a chance to earn the *Caring For God's Creation* badge on this day. We will meet here at 8:30am on the morning of April 1st to help remove litter and debris from lots, roadsides, and nature trails. This is in coordination with Keeping America Beautiful -The Great American Cleanup.



Spring Fling 2017

We will be having our Spring Fling on April 1st from 2-4pm! We'll have pizza, icecream, and an Easter Egg Hunt for the kids to enjoy. A sign up sheet has been posted at church for anyone who would like to come to this fun afternoon. Candy and egg filler donations are still being accepted. Bring a chair!



CentriKid Chicken Bog Fundraiser

We are having a Chicken Bog Fundraiser on April 7th to help with camp costs for CentriKid. \$7 plates will consist of chicken bog, green beans, slaw, & bread. Order yours from one of our kids today! Lunch runs from 11:30am-2pm and supper from 4-6pm. Volunteers are needed to help with preparing and delivering the plates, so please sign-up if you can help out. Thanks for always supporting our kids!

Monthly Meetings ...

- 4-4 Mary Hearts at 6:30pm
- 4-11 Women on Mission at 6:30pm
- 4-18 Men on Mission at 7:00pm



1- Daisy Christmas	17- Emily Isgett
3- Ricky Williams	18- Tammy Driver
5- Shelby Dawkins	19- Ashley Cooper
7- Chiavon James	20- Gertrude Richardson
8- Ashlyn Kirk	23- Gary Miller
10- Diana Collins	24- Nancy Allen
11- Carli Mapes	Hanna Allen
13- Sally Wilson	25- Legrande Hanna
14- Hailey Williams	26- Alison Alford
16- Pam Byrd	28- Buddy Rogers
Brad Miller	29- Sarah Gerald
Matthew Euten	



Spring Revival

w/ Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr.

Apr. 23rd 10am & 6pm

Apr. 24th - 26th 7pm

You will not want to miss our Spring Revival! Invite your friends and family members to come for a chance to experience a great revival of our hearts and souls. Our Guest Pastor will be Dr. Herb Reavis, Jr. Dr. Reavis is the Senior Pastor at North Jacksonville Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. He also "shines the light" as an Evangelist, preaching the Word of God all over America. Dr. Reavis was born and raised in Texas. He graduated from the Moody Bible Institute and it was there that he met his wife, Lisa. Dr. Reavis also graduated from Milligan College in Tennessee and the Southern Baptist School of Biblical Studies in Florida.

Dr. Reavis believes that Revival is always needed. Christians need to discover who they are in Jesus. "We need to understand what the victorious Christian life is," he said. His mission in life is the Great Commission, "to go into all the world to preach the Gospel."

Make plans to get here 15min early. There will be mini-concerts before each service.

April's Bible Verse

*But seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and His righteousness; and all these things
shall be added unto you.*

Matthew 6:33

Come, Lord Jesus

In a radio address to the nation on Feb. 23, 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt said: "No greater thing could come to our land today than a revival of the spirit of religion, a revival that would sweep through the homes of the nation and stir the hearts of men and women of all faiths to a reassertion of their belief in God and their dedication to His will for themselves and for their world. I doubt if there is any problem, either, social, political or economic, that would not melt away before the fire of such a spiritual awakening." What is it that keeps revival from sweeping through our land? What is it that keeps revival from sweeping through our churches? We look in the mirror every day and see one of the main reasons that revival is not moving forward. In that mirror we see a person who has grown complacent with the things of God. We see a person who has grown silent toward sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus. We see a person who has forgotten where Jesus has brought them. We see a person who has stopped drinking of the cup of Living Water and is instead drinking from the cup of the world. We see a person who has let the fire of the Holy Spirit be quenched while fulfilling their desires for the world. We see a person who has become vision impaired or blind to the work that we have been called to perform as disciples of Christ. John recorded the words of Jesus in chapter 4:35 of his gospel, "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest." Someone wrote a comment on this verse of John, chapter 4: "He said that he and a friend were riding through the country and came across a field of wheat. As they looked out over the field they noticed that the field was white. One man said to the other, 'I thought wheat was supposed to be golden when it is ripe.' The other man said that is true, but when the wheat is overripe it becomes very light in color and turns white.' The first man then reckoned, 'Now I know why the Lord told His disciples that the fields were white. The grain had to be gleaned immediately.'" My friend, we cannot fulfill the command of Jesus to "go and make disciples of all nations" if we turn blind eyes to the lost and dying people of the world. The field is white and ready to harvest but the harvesters need to be revived in order to go into the fields of the world and make a difference for our Lord.

Revival services with Dr. Herb Reavis begin in just a few short weeks, but we need to be preparing for revival now. We need to be preparing our hearts for a touch from the Master's hand. We need to be preparing our schedules to be present for the upcoming services. We need to be preparing our friends and families to come and experience the Spirit of God moving among His people. I pray that if you have not already begun preparing for revival, that you will draw near to God in preparation for this great time in the Lord. Come with an open heart as you seek to be filled to overflowing once again. Come expecting to be revived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Come and experience the power of our Lord,

Charles



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and has books for all ages
to enjoy.**

