



# THE BULLETIN

FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB  
THE OLDEST SERVING SERVICE CLUB IN THE SHOALS BEGINNING JUNE 1921

The Shoals area has two new leaders of the Salvation Army this month.



“We are so happy to be here in Florence,” Captain Benjamin Deuel remarked to the Florence Exchange Club Tuesday. “Everyone has given us a warm welcome and we thank you for inviting us to speak of our mission.”

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“The Salvation Army can only be as effective as those behind the shield. We are proud to be a charter member of the United Way of Northwest Alabama. The United Way provides a portion of our operating funds, he added. He then introduced his wife, Wendy, also a Captain, who entertained the members with her transition into the Salvation Army life. “What do you think when you see a person dressed in this uniform?” Some said military, one answered “police”, she also said maybe airline stewardess! “I was born and reared in Mexico to a wonderful family. My Grandfather started a chapter of the Salvation Army in Mexico. My father also served with the Salvation army there for many years,” she said. But that was not her calling. She graduated college, studying communications. After a few years writing for a newspaper in McAllen, TX, she decided to follow the family tradition of helping people. “I met Ben while we were both in training. We’ve been married for 13 years and now have four beautiful young children.”

Moving from Greenwood, MS to Florence just three weeks ago they “hit the ground running.” Captain Wendy just finished a week-long camp for teenage females and now is involved with VBS.

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“The Home League is a four-fold program for women 16 years of age and older. The four-fold purposes being worship, education, fellowship, and service. Women do not need to be members of The Salvation

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**August 2**  
**George Chambers**

**August 8**  
**Board Meeting**

**August 9**  
**Sandra Sockwell**

### 2016-2017

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George Chambers reports that his speaker will be Benjamin Ray of the UNA Athletic Department on August 2.

Army church to be part of this energetic and dedicated group of women.

“The Men’s Club is a program for men ages 16 and up, the Men’s Club offers spiritual as well as social opportunities. This program is for those who wish to make a difference for others,” she said.



“As our nation continues to face a challenging economic season, The Shoals is seeing a significant rise in the homeless, the hungry and the hopeless. And although the Army continues to serve with relentless passion, there is so much more we must do.

“In successfully raising the needed \$1,725,347.00, we will be able to complete more than a building...we will be providing more shelter, serving more food, offering more hope. This is a capital campaign. But it’s also an opportunity to be the bridge between help and home.

“We have, for so many years, provided a much needed service through our local Family Thrift Store. The donor is benefitted by being able to take donated items off of his/her income tax returns as well as being able to dispose of unwanted items. The shopper, on a fixed income or just looking for a bargain, can usually find what he/she needs in our store.



**DOING THE MOST GOOD**  
SHOALS AREA, ALABAMA CORPS

The appliances, clothing, furniture, shoes, bikes, luggage, etc. are used either to assist needy individuals or to generate dollars that can be used to assist in our other programs.

It also allows an individual with limited finances to purchase items at a reasonable price, thereby maintaining dignity.”

Some sad news to report: Fran Nunnelly’s daughter-in-law passed away last Monday night. Funeral arrangements will be announced.

Ralph Jones’ sister is very ill.

Jim McLean is to be transferred to a Birmingham Hospital for surgery.

Our prayers and condolences are offered to their families.



Congratulations to the members with August birthdays:

Bill Sutherland	8/10
Laura Williams	8/12
Howard Tinsley	8/31

Congratulations to the members who joined in August:

Jimmy Hall	8/12	30 years
Laura Williams	8/12	5 years
Sandra Sockwell	8/14	27 years