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**Ren Bray
has announced his resignation
as Associate Pastor.**

It is with both sadness and excitement that I tell you that as of this day I will be resigning my position from First Baptist Church of West Columbia. This will be a hard place to leave because so many people here have become family over the last 3 + years. We have laughed together, cried together worked hard and shared so much together.

My life and my families lives have been enriched by your prayers and words of encouragement have meant so much to us and have sustained us through so many trials and tough times. I feel that the future of First Baptist is bright and I know that God remains in complete control of everything here.

This will be an exciting time because God has opened a door and created an opportunity for me and my family in the New Orleans area. Even though this is an exciting time I will still appreciate your continued prayers. Please know that you will always be on our prayers and we will never forget you.

In His Grip,

**A reception will be held in Burriss Hall following evening worship this Sunday, April 13, in honor of Ren and Lisa!
Come join us!!!!**

- DR. DON BISHOP
INTERIM PASTOR**
- CHARLTON BOZARD
MUSIC/ADULT ACTIVITIES**
- REN BRAY
EDUCATION/YOUTH
MINISTRIES**
- DR. LONNIE SHULL
PASTOR EMERITUS**



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Sunday
 9:30 am Library open
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Morning Worship
 5:30 pm Library open
 6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday
 5:30 Supper/ Library open
 6:00 pm Children/Youth
 Activities start
 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



Simon Peter's life was filled with failures, but Simon Peter was not a failure! Aren't we glad the Failures do not exclude us from the Kingdom of God nor from the service of our Lord? God issues us second, third, and many, many opportunities to begin again. I rejoice that our Lord is gracious and is filled with mercy.

On Wednesday nights, as we pray together we shall be studying and applying the powerful message of God found in the Book of Acts. The Book of Acts was written to get us off the sidelines and into the game, to become real actors in the gospel of Christ. During this study we will see the amazing transformation of the early church as people became empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is my prayer that our church will experience "Pentecost" as we become obedient to the will of God as directed through the Holy Spirit. Bring your Bibles next Wednesday.

Several weeks ago I asked for folks that might be interested in being a part of a "drama team" and I have had a good response, but there is room for more folks. These dramas will become tools of worship as we seek to capture the attention of those in the pew. It looks like practice will be help after Prayer Service on Wednesdays. Let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. Contact me at dlbishop@alltel.net or our church phone number: 803-791-0700

In Christ,
Don Bishop

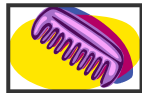
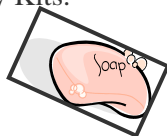
Health Ministry Kits

It's time again for Health Ministry Kits.

The cost is \$7.00 .

Each kit contains:

- 1 toothbrush
- 1 toothpaste
- 1 soap 4.5 oz.
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 hand towel
- 1 comb



Deadline is April 13. If you have any questions please contact Brenda Brown, 739-5689 or Joyce Crider, 794-5991.



We will be honoring our graduates in May. If someone in your household is graduating from high school, college, or any institution of higher learning, please notify Ren Bray or the church office.



Ratcliffe Update

We want to thank our Church Family for being so concerned for us during this time of unknowns and indecision. We will be staying in Columbia so Jody can finish his Master's Degree while our future on the mission field becomes clearer. We still cannot fully say that this is the best thing for us to do, but until we know what the best thing is we will pitch our tent here. Jody is currently seeking to serve in a ministerial staff position within the area while he studies. God continues to bless our lives through you each week. You are a wonderful church and the Spirit of God is alive and active within you.

Jody and Melanie

NEW ON THE WEBSITE!



Under the **RESOURCES** tab at the top of the home page - www.fbcwc.com - you will find a link to a devotional page. This page contains links to websites with devotionals for children, youth, and adults. There is even a link to an audio devotion for those who prefer listening to reading. These links are offered as a resource for you to use in your daily walk with the Lord.

We have also added a biography of our Interim Pastor, Don Bishop, and will be adding his picture soon.

REMEMBER, if you would like to receive the Tie Binder by e-mail, go to our website and sign up on the home page.



National Goal:
\$61 million

FBC GOAL:
\$6,000

Received to date:
\$4,117.84



SPRING GARDEN TOUR

Charleston and Orangeburg on Tuesday, April 15

Remember, your balance is due Sunday, April 13. We leave at 7 a.m. on the 15th!

YOUTH MUSIC ACTIVITY

Sunday, April 13 4:00 p.m.

We will be rehearsing "Made to Worship", our musical to be presented with several other churches in our area. If you missed the Friday night rehearsal, come on anyway! The more, the merrier!



THURSDAY, APRIL 17

11:00 a.m.

ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

GUEST SPEAKER:

PAT BURGER

This is my favorite meeting of the year. Bring stuff from your yard to share with your friends at BYC. If you have nothing to bring, they come pick something up! Pat Burger, a member of Broadacres Baptist Church and expert flower arranger, will give us ideas on how to use all those pretty things that grow in our yards.

TAKE NOTE!

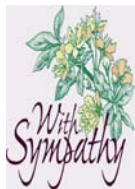
There will be no "Know and Tell" published this month.

CONGAREE NATIONAL PARK AND LUNCH TRIP!

Monday, April 21

We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. travel to and tour the National Park for a while, and then travel to the S&S Cafeteria for lunch. Your cost is \$3 for gas and money for lunch. Contact me or the church office to sign up.

Charlton



The First Baptist Church Family and Staff extend Christian love and sympathy to:

...Robert Ferrell in the loss of his mother, Emma Ferrell, of Cayce.

...The family of Mrs. Daisy Oxner.

In Loving Memory

Daisy Oxner

8/9/1921 - 4/7/08

TAKE NOTE!!!
The Sunday School Training Event
scheduled for Saturday, April 19
has been cancelled.
It will be re-scheduled at a later date.



The Preschool Committee will sponsor a Parents Night Out on Saturday, April 12 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Age appropriate activities will be planned for children ages birth-12. Dinner will be provided at a cost of \$2.00 per child. Please call the church office to make a reservation for your child.

If you would like to help with activities for the children please contact Amelia Schafer or Sallie Bozard.

Coming to First Baptist...



Parenting With Love and Logic

presents: "Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!" A series of four workshops for parents of children ages birth-eight years old. This nationally acclaimed parenting program will be facilitated by Sallie Bozard, Lexington School District One parent educator.

The program begins on **Sunday evening April 20 from 5:00-7:00 PM** and concludes on Sunday May 11. Childcare and a light snack supper will be provided. Cost is \$8.00 to purchase a workbook. You may register by calling the church office or fill out a registration form available at various locations in the church. For more information, call Sallie Bozard, 951-8975.

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Friday, April 18 8:00 a.m.

River Cats Cafeteria

235 Old Two Notch Road (next to LBA Office)
formerly Colonial Restaurant

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
April 13-19, 2008

Sunday, April 13

- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
 Youth Music Activity
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Reception for Ren Bray

Tuesday, April 15

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Wednesday, April 16

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
 Library opens
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Lighthouse
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Friends Birth—2
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Missions Friends 3,4 & 5
- 6:45 p.m. RA's & GA's
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Best Yet to Come

Friday, April 18

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Ministry Breakfast
 River Cats Restaurant

VITAL SIGNS
April 7, 2008

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| Sunday School | 186 |
| In-Home | 41 |
| Helping Hands | 95 |
| Hope Bridge | 65 |
| National Health Care | 21 |

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
April 13

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Melissa Wandover, Dorothy Thompson
 Sara Frances Watson

Twos and Threes

Allison and Bryan Jeffcoat

SOUND

Rich Wandover

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ann & Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building

Gerry Berry & Vivian Summer

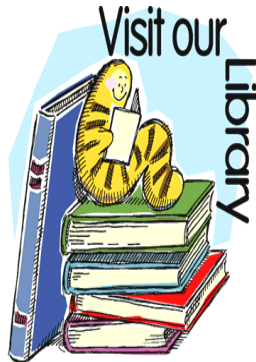
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Virginia & Jack Hill

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 DO NOT DELAY!**



Pray for These
 Hospitalized
 Members:

Providence Hospital

Louise "Jean" Williams

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall
 Deadline for reservations and cancellations
 is noon Monday.



April 16
 BB Q Sandwiches
 Baked Beans
 Cole Slaw
 Rolls and Dessert
 Adults (10 & Up) \$4.00
 Children (5-9) \$3.00
 Children 4 & under FREE

Pray every day for our church!