



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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### CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20 6:30 p.m. PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The purpose of this called church conference to accept nominations from the church family for the Pastor Search Committee. There is no limit to the number of nominations made from the floor.

A ballot will be prepared that includes all nominees (from this meeting and from the deacons) for voting in a called conference on Sunday, August 31 in the morning worship service.

**NOTE:** Please contact any person you would like to nominate and determine their willingness to serve if elected.

**This is a very important decision in the life of our church.  
Consider your nominations prayerfully.**

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### CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

**Christmas in August** began in 1927 when a missionary from China spoke to a church in Virginia. The leader of the Sunbeam Band - a forerunner of Girls in Action - wanted to help children in China. She led the Sunbeams to collect 100 gifts to send to the missionary. They collected and mailed the gifts in August so they would arrive in Shanghai in time for Christmas. The missionary gave out the gifts during a Christmas party for the Chinese children.

That was the beginning of a tradition of giving to and supporting missions through children's mission groups. For the first 10 years, these groups sent their gifts to China. When war caused a shipment to be lost, *Christmas in August* became a way to help North American Missionaries. This tradition continues today.

Our GA group is participating in Christmas in August. The missionary they have chosen to help is Jonathan Jones, who operates the Baptist Concern Center in Draper, Utah. The items he requests include: crayons, markers, small toys, stickers, notepads, etc. to fit in Christmas stockings for kindergarten and elementary-aged children. Please bring you contributions to the church office by September 17.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Barfield or Cheryl Simpson.

### 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

6:00 pm Library open  
LIGHTHOUSE  
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting  
Children's Choirs  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir  
(as scheduled)



It was once said to me "I am no longer surprised only disappointed". How true as we were shocked once again by the sins of our national leaders--- John Edwards. There is a void of leadership in our nation and the confidence of the people is a thing of the past. Who do we trust? Who can we trust? Is it any wonder that nations around the world look to America with doubt and suspect?

Folks, we are in needed of spiritual renewal of Christian values. Honesty, faithfulness, truthfulness and loyalty must be renewed in our everyday life. If we continue to allow this erosion of values I am afraid for the future of our nation.

Did you notice that Mr. Edwards never once admitted that he had sinned! He said that he had made a bad judgment, committed an error but there is not remorse over sin. It is not popular to confess sins in this age even though sin is present. When we avoid confession of sin then the forgiveness of sin in impossible.

What is the lesson for all of us? Let us be on careful guard that as Christians we do not take on the habits of the world, let us be careful that we come to believe that we no longer sin and no longer need forgiveness. If ever there has been a time for the display of Christian values, it is now.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Healing is so badly needed.

Don Bishop

**SUNDAY'S SERMONS August 17 , 2008**

**A.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Kindness and Goodness**

**P.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Gentleness**

**CAMILLE GRAHAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION PICNIC**

This annual outreach event is sponsored by the Lexington and Columbia Metro Baptist Associations. If you would like to volunteer or provide food, please contact Ann Waldrop. A list of needs is posted on the bulletin board near the office.



**FOR ALL CHILDREN ENTERING GRADES 1-5**  
 Depart at 10:30; return at 2:30  
 Swimming and Hot Dog lunch  
 Location:  
 Home of Eunice and Ronald Lee  
 Contact Jody if you have questions.



Next weekend, August 22-23, Sallie Bozard, Amelia Schafer, Dina Taylor, Becky Murray, Karen Rollison and myself will be attending the **Worship Summit** at White Oak Conference Center. This event, sponsored by the SC Baptist Convention, provides special training for children's choir leaders, keyboard musicians, and ministers of music. Also at this meeting the new 2008 Baptist Hymnal will be introduced. It will be a packed 24 hours. Thank you or the opportunity to attend. We covet you prayers during this time.

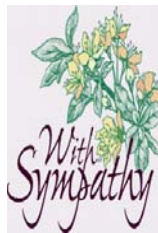
**CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MISSION ACTIVITIES** are set to resume on Wednesday, August 27 (along with Wednesday Night Supper). Make your plans to join us!

*Charlton*

*In Loving Memory*

*Elisabeth P. Taylor*

*October 4, 1915 - August 10, 2008*



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

...the family of Elisabeth Taylor

...Virginia Hill in the death of her brother-in-law

...Myrtle Deese in the death of her cousin

...Helen Ford in the death of her nephew

**MEMORIAL**

**For Such A Time As This**

In loving memory of Colene Brazell

Given by Mary Branham



**ATTENTION!**  
**NEW and RETURNING**  
**Sunday School Workers!**



We will have a Sunday School Workers' Meeting on Sunday, August 24 at 5pm in the Chapel. Your SS Leadership Team wants to fully equip you and encourage you as our new church year begins. Come and hear about our upcoming themes for the Fall Literature. Come and get insights into Sunday School Outreach and how your SS Team can work for you. This meeting will be for all teachers, directors, and outreach leaders in each of our classes and divisions.



WOW, do you see God blessing our church? We are welcoming TWO new members this week to the NINE we have received in the last couple of months. We all need to be faithful to our church during this time of transition and growth. God is so faithful to us so let's work hard on the duties He has placed in our hands. I want to encourage you to have GREAT HOPE in the future of our church.

Here is a little update on some upcoming outreach plans. You read last week our intentions to reach out to our university student population. A team is forming now and if you are called to join, please let Melanie Ratcliffe know. A free breakfast will be served to them on Sept. 7 in Burriss Hall. If you would like to help in the preparation of this meal, please let me know.

**Water Bottle Outreach**

We are so close to one of Columbia's main attractions. The Riverwalk is a great place to relax, exercise, and meet people. We are organizing a small team to hand out water bottles and an invitation to our church to people at the Riverwalk. We will be going on **Sunday, August 24 from 1:30-3:30 pm.** We will meet at the church, have a short training session, and then depart for a simple time of outreach. Anyone from our congregation is invited to come. Just meet us in Burriss Hall at 1:30pm.



**Lighthouse Student Ministries  
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation**

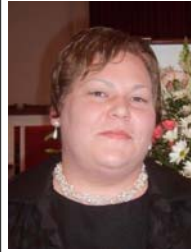
**Fall Retreat Info  
Aug. 30-Sept 1 Andrews, NC**

Each year before school gets tough, we are going to get away and dive deep into God's Word and deeper into understanding the "community" of youth group. Parents, I hope that you have received my letter with all the details about this trip. You may call me at anytime for more information. We will be staying at the Nantahala Outpost, a campsite with bunk-houses, grill, warm water, and QUIETNESS. Our weekend study entitled "What's Next?" will focus on equipping them for their future. We will be rafting the Nantahala River, a very safe and fun journey. We will depart from the church on Saturday morning and return home on Labor Day in the early afternoon. The total cost for the weekend is \$58.00. Students will need to pack a bag lunch for the trip up. As always, our trip will be well chaperoned and your child's physical and spiritual well-being our number one priorities. It is a joy to serve as your child's youth pastor.

**Youth Council Meeting**

There will be a youth council meeting on August 17 at 5pm in the Conference Room.

*Welcome, New Members*



Keri Pendergrass  
By Letter



Jamie Pendergrass  
By Profession of Faith  
for Baptism

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

Camping Out

Do you enjoy camping out? Many people do. Some invest in expensive equipment so that they can enjoy the outdoors and have some comforts of home at the same time.

One of the early Bible personalities, Jacob, had a unique "camping out" experience. As he was running from home, nighttime came, and he stopped to rest. Having no camping equipment, he took a stone, "put it under his head and lay down to sleep" (Gen. 28:11, NIV).

During the night God spoke to him through a dramatic dream. When he awoke, he confessed, "Surely they LORD is in this place" (Gen. 28:16, NIV) He took his "pillow", the stone, and used it as a place of worship. Then Jacob made a promise to God: "Of all that you give me, I will give you a tenth" (Gen. 28:22, NIV)

Isn't it marvelous that God can speak to us wherever we are? Outside under the stars or in a quiet place – wherever, we can pray, listen, and make commitments that honor the Lord. Even a commitment to give a tenth of our income to the Lord.

**DEACON NOMINATION FORM**

I certify that I am a member of First Baptist church, West Columbia, and that this form constitutes my only nomination of individuals for the office of deacon for the church year 2008-2009.

My nominees for deacon are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_

Nomination forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Nominations must be turned in by the end of the morning service on **Sunday, August 17.** The deacon election will be on **Sunday, August 31.**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE  
August 17-23, 2008**

Sunday, August 17

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, August 19

**SCHOOL STARTS IN  
LEXINGTON DISTRICT 2**

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

Wednesday, August 20

**SCHOOL STARTS IN  
LEXINGTON DISTRICT 1**

- 6:00 p.m. Library opens  
LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Called Church Conference**
- No Children's Music Activity**

Thursday, August 21

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Fri. & Sat. August 22,23

Worship Summit, White Oak  
Conference Center

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
August 17, 2008**

**HEALTH MINISTRY**  
Julie Barfield

**EXT. TEACHING CARE**

Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

*Babies and Ones*

Dorothy Thompson and  
Sara Frances Watson

*Twos and Threes*

Larry and Anne Brown

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

**Snyder Building**

Dorothy Thompson and Ruby Clamp

**Burriss Building**

Rich and Melissa Wandover

**Front Lower Level**

Andrew and Colette Hutto



Pray for These  
Hospitalized  
Members:

As of Tuesday,  
Aug 12, 2008

There are no  
known  
hospitalized  
members

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**DATED  
MATERIAL  
DO NOT DELAY!**



**CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, September 21, 2008**  
**Saluda Shoals Park**  
**5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**



**Sponsored by  
Men's Ministry**

**Be watching for details!**

**MATTER OF FACT**

In 1958, records of the 1958 Lexington Associational Letter listed FBC's average Sunday School attendance in October - 896 and Training Union - 266. Total resident members - 1,212, grand total members, 1,351. Value of church property was listed at \$402,000.00.

**Pray every day for our church!**