



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM SET TO RESUME AUGUST 27

Join us for a great Bar-B-Q dinner as we kick off a new year of Wednesday night activities for the entire family.

### SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m.	Supper Line opens Library opens
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
6:45 p.m.	RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

### SUPPER

Paul Bessinger will again be catering our meals. If you are interested in helping serve, please let the Nominating Committee know.

### COST:

Due to increasing costs we have had to raise our prices a little. However, it's still the best deal in town! Please note that there is **NO** maximum family charge.

Age 10 and above	\$5.00
Age 5 to age 9	\$3.00
Age 4 and under	FREE

### RESERVATIONS

Reservations are necessary. You may use the form on page 4 or pick one up at sanctuary entrances.

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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

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

### Sunday Night, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00

We will meet in the Burriss Hall for the purpose of discussing the **Profile of our Next Pastor.**

Surveys will be taken and other exercises to determine our vision for the next pastor of First Baptist Church; this information will then be passed to the Pastor Search Team. Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting of our church family.



As Baptists we state that we believe that the Bible constitutes the supreme norm for faith and practice in Christian life. Our proof text in 2 Timothy 3:16 “All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

Thus we depend upon God’s word to direct us, to correct us, to instruct us and to judge us. This is a powerful belief that calls us all into accountability and responsibility in our practice of Christian life.

Therefore, if God’s word tells me that I am to forgive as I have been forgiven, I have no choice but to forgive. If God’s word tells me that I am to love those that hate me, I have no choice but to love. I either must obey and seek to please God or disobey and care less about pleasing God. Once we have heard the message of the gospel, we will be held accountable for our actions, our words, our attitudes and our spirits.

Colossians 3: 1-2 “So, if you’re serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ- that’s where the action is. See things from His perspective.”

May we be people who believe so much in God’s word that we live our lives by God’s word. Amen.

Don Bishop



The beginning of a new year of Wednesday night activities brings about an opportunity for you to become involved in making music unto the Lord. I hope you will consider finding a place of service with us as we make music each week.

**HANDBELLS!** These instruments can make beautiful music but they need hands to ring them. If you are interested in helping them ring, please let me know.

**Adults** will rehearse on Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

**Youth** will rehearse on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m.

I would like to start a group for **Children** in grades 3-5.

We would meet on Wednesday afternoons at 5 p.m. Let me know if you are interested

*Charlton*

**CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008**

**DEACON ELECTION**

A slate of seven names will be presented for voting.

**PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE**

A ballot containing the names of those nominated will also be presented for voting.

**SUNDAY’S SERMONS August 24 , 2008**

**A.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness**

**P.M. Pastor Profile Discussion**



Pray for These Hospitalized Members:

As of Tuesday, Aug 19, 2008

Lexington Medical Center

Sarah Shealy



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 your contributions to the church office by September 17.

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



**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.



In order to increase communication and strengthen our Sunday School Department, I would like for all Sunday School Teachers, Directors, Outreach Leaders, and any other type of leader within the Sunday School Department to meet this Sunday, August 24 in the Chapel. I would like to meet on a monthly basis with you all to ensure the health of our Sunday School and the encouragement of its leaders. Jim Shealy, our Sunday School Director will be updating us on our growth these last six months. Melissa Wandover will be giving us a preview of the Fall themes. I will be giving you advice on crisis reaction time among class members and basic outreach tips. We will hopefully equip you in new ways. This Sunday School Leadership Team is open to all your needs and suggestions. This will be the best time for us to discuss any issues relating to Sunday School. I am looking forward to seeing you there!

In Outreach News, we will be doing some outreach **this Sunday at The Riverwalk**. A church member has provided water bottles and we would like to have many of our members handing them out to folks enjoying the afternoon there. We will also give each person a simple invitation to our church. If you would like to participate, please meet at 1:30 in Burris Hall. Why do things this way? Believe it or not, many people walk by and drive by our church or simply live near it and don't realize we are here. We need to increase our exposure in the community. Over time and many events like this, we will accomplish this and meet many new people who will become believers. Jesus guaranteed us that if we sow the gospel, we will see salvation reaped.



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

I would like to report to our church our growth over this past summer. On Wednesday nights, we have added 4 new students who attend regularly (giving us 13 weekly). These are starting to attend Sunday School. We are seeing close to 10 students in our middle school group and 10 in our high school group on Sunday mornings. We had 20 students at our July lock-in. We took 14 to Carowinds in August. As the numbers slowly grow, our focus in their spiritual health and needs. We have studied already about not being ashamed of their faith, about putting their heart first before their hands and lips, and about what it takes to make a youth ministry a family.

Now, it is back to school. I am expecting our youth to be valiant witnesses on their campuses and to bring new and old friends to Lighthouse and on to other ministries we have. I hope to see new faces soon. We usually experience new growth now that they have more influence with more peers.

Sign up for our Fall Retreat outside the Lighthouse this week. All participants will need to pick up a packing list and permission slips from me.

**Pray every day for our church!**

**CAMILLE GRAHAM CORRECTIONAL  
INSTITUTION PICNIC**  
Saturday, September 13, 2008

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.

The menu includes fried chicken, fresh/raw vegetables, dips (French Onion and Ranch only), peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, home baked goodies and cakes (pre-sliced), chips.

All food needs to be wrapped in clear plastic, not foil. Please bring your food to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13 for transport to the picnic.

**CLARIFYING OUR CONGREGATION'S IDENTITY**

Through the Transitional Interim Ministry, the "Clarifying our Congregation's Identity Committee" will be leading us to look at establishing our Mission Statement. This could be an acrostic or a catchy, quick phrase that would be easy to remember. Ideas might come from our church's "Purpose" and "Covenant" which are in our current *Constitution and Bylaws*.

A sheet with some examples is available in the church office or at various locations around the church. We welcome your suggestions and input. Put your ideas in writing and return them to the church office or a member of the Transition Team.

Please let us hear from you by this Sunday, August 24.

**MEMORIALS**

**Budget**

In loving memory of Elisabeth Taylor  
Given by Miriam King

**WMU-Pure Water/Pure Love**

In loving memory of Elisabeath Taylor  
Given by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

**Best Yet To Come**

In loving memory of Elisabeth Taylor  
Given by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Fox

**Janie Chapman**

In loving memory of Elisabeth Taylor and  
Colene Brazell  
Given by Dorothy Thompson

**REMEMBER OUR  
TRANSITION COMMITTEE  
IN PRAYER**

Bob Hazel  
Jack Hill  
Len Hill

Bob Price  
Greg Shepherd  
Terry Smith

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE  
August 24-30, 2008**

Sunday, August 24

- 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
- 1:30 p.m. River Walk Outreach
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers
- 6:00 p.m. Developing a *Profile for Our Next Pastor*, Burriss Hall

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27

**Wednesday Night Program Begins**

- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens  
Library opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs  
LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's,  
Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, August 28

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
August 24, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY  
Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE  
Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

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

- Babies and Ones  
Virginia Hill and Debra Williams
- Twos and Threes  
Laura Rose and Katie Gauden

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**Snyder Building**  
William Fallaw

**Burriss Building**  
Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

**Front Lower Level**  
Boyd and Azalee Anderson

SOUND  
Rich Wandover

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**DON'T FORGET  
THESE UPCOMING  
EVENTS**



Monday, September 15  
7:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Call Janet in the church  
office to make your  
appointment

**CHURCH PICNIC**



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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

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

**August 27**



Bar-B Q  
Hash/Rice  
Slaw  
Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$5.00      Children (5-9) \$3.00  
Children 4 & under FREE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (5-9) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Preschoolers (under 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Make this a permanent reservation \_\_\_\_\_

