



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

The following names will be on the ballot. You will be asked to circle seven names.

Clyde Blackburn
Debra Gaulden
Billy Hayes
Bobby Horton
Belinda Inabinet

Alice Livingston
Allan Murray
Amelia Schafer
Greg Shepherd
Terry Smith

DEACONS

The Deacons will be reducing their number to 14. Four of these nominees will serve a term ending in 2011. The others will be replacing Steve Shaffer (who is re-locating to Atlanta), Bob Price, Len Hill, and Rick Rickenbaker, who have resigned from the deacon body effective September 1.

The following seven men will be presented as a slate for voting.

Kevin Barfield
Andrew Hutto
Ali Johnson
Allan Murray
Jim Schafer
David Simpson
Robbie Smith

ABSENTEE BALLOTING

According to our church bylaws., if you are not able to attend the church conference, you may cast an absentee ballot. These are available in the church office and must be completed and returned BEFORE Sunday, August 31.

Prayerfully consider your vote on these two important matters in the life of First Baptist Church.

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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

4:30 pm Piece Makers
5:30 pm Supper Lines open
6:00 pm Library open
LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Children's Choirs
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



On Sunday night, I witnessed a mature, focused and intentional body of believers conduct some very serious business for our church and for our future. A good number of our members gathered in our fellowship hall to develop a 'profile of our next pastor'. This was an hour and one half of intense and prayerful application of the transitional findings over the last few months; the hard work came to a surface as a profile was developed. This profile will be made public by our Identity Task Team.

I was thrilled and proud of the effort that produced a working and practical profile that can be used by our Pastor Search Committee. We armed our PSC with questions and descriptions that will help them discern our next pastor. This shopping list will serve as a reminder of who we are at West Columbia First and should quicken the search process.

As we select the Pastor Search Committee I urge you to pray daily that God will boldly reveal our next pastor which fits our profile; pray that our PSC will be sensitive to the direction of God and will act on behalf of our church family.

The best is yet to come!

Don Bishop

SUNDAY'S SERMONS August 31, 2008

A.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control
Galatians 5:22-25

P.M. Fifth Sunday Night Fellowship



5th Sunday Night Fellowship Supper

Sunday,
August 31
5:30 p.m.
Burriss Hall

Bring your favorite covered dish and join us for this great time of fellowship and worship together.

MATTER OF FACT

Our first church directory was published in 1971-72 and contained all black and white pictures



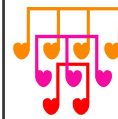
Monday, September 15
7:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Have you made YOUR appointment?



We are excited about our new year in Children's Choirs. Our theme is "Passport to Adventure" and emphasized missionaries and their work around the world. All children age 3 through grade 5 are encouraged to join us each Wednesday!

HANDBELLS! Youth and adults interested in playing need to let me know. Whether we have separate groups or ring together depends on the number of ringers, so let me know!

SANCTUARY CHOIR will soon be gearing up for Christmas (can you believe it?). Now is a great time to add your voice to ours. Come join us this Wednesday!



JUBILANT SINGERS begins a new year of ministry on Thursday, September 4 at 11 a.m. at Holland Avenue Baptist Church. This choir of senior adults from across our area ministers in marvelous ways throughout the year. Come join in the fun and the music!

Charlton

CHURCH PICNIC Join us for a great time of fellowship on Sunday, September 21, 2008 Saluda Shoals Park 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Men's Ministries



Men's Ministries will provide hamburgers and chips. If you would like to provide baked beans, slaw, or a dessert, please let the church office know. The bus will leave the church at 5 pm for folks needing a ride.

Bring your lawn chair.

Games and activities will be available for children. Contact Janet in the church office to sign up!



Three New Crisis Prayer Lists have been distributed. Please use only the list that specifies "Updated: August 18, 2008" which is printed at the bottom of the page. If you have not received your list, please contact the church office and one will be provided to you. Thank you for your dedication and service in this important ministry of our church.



Community Outreach Report

I am happy to report on behalf of our Outreach Team that we handed out 120 water bottles and invitations to our church to West Columbia residents on Sunday. The Riverwalk was teeming with people who were very

glad to receive the free gift. Many people gladly took our church's information and said they would like to visit one day. We will do many things like this all year round. What is our Outreach Team? Well, this is anyone who joins us on these little adventures in missions. It could easily be you!

Sunday School News

We had our first Sunday School Worker's Meeting on Sunday and it was well attended by all departments. Our Sunday School attendance is growing each week and new people are coming to worship each week. Each guest we have will receive a contact from one of our Sunday School classes as well as a letter from my desk recognizing their visit. We have an excited Fall Quarter in the literature where we will be studying the unique and highly relevant Parables of Jesus.

Very soon, your Sunday School class will be invited to take part in a church-wide Prayerwalk. I will be training a team of leaders who will come and escort your class through this wonderful experience. Teachers will be receiving personal calls from me to line up your prayerwalk.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

The new church year is fast approaching. On September 7, we will have Promotion Sunday! Children going into the First Grade, the Third Grade, the Fifth Grade, The Sixth Grade, and the Ninth Grade will be introduced to their new classes during Sunday School. Parents, be expecting a letter

from me and our Children's Sunday School Director this week. This is an exciting time in the lives of our children.



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

I want to ask the church to pray for our youth group this weekend as we travel to Andrews, NC for our annual Fall Retreat.

There is so much to pray for. We need safety as we travel. It will take 4 hours to get there. We need safety as we raft down the whitewater. Our main concern is for the spiritual growth of our group. Please pray that our teens yield their lives to the direction and desires of our Lord. We will be worshipping together and discussing all the issues of the future.

Whether they realize it or not, our teens are making decision now that will affect their lives forever. Our weekend is designed to help them make the best decisions RIGHT NOW. We will discuss grades, college, career, dating and other topics that impact them 10 years from today.

We will leave at 9am on Saturday morning from the church and return Monday, Sept. 1 at 2 pm. A Parent Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday night at 7pm in the Lighthouse. All who wish to go must have a parent present to sign permission slips.

Jody

In Loving Memory Sam Fox October 13, 1913 - August 23, 2008



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

...Mary Fox in the loss of her husband,
Mr. Sam Fox

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. un Saturday, September 13 for transport to the picnic.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

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.

MEMORIALS

For Such a Time As This

In loving memory of Elisabeth Taylor

Given by: The Winsome Sunday School Class
Thompson Funeral Home
Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gooding

In loving memory of Betty Marthers

Given by: Boyd and Azalee Anderson

Janie Chapman Missions

In loving memory of Elisabeth Taylor

Given by: The In Home Ministry of FBCWC

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
August 31-September 6, 2008**

Sunday, August 31

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. 5th Sunday Night Fellowship Supper, Burriss Hall

Monday September 1

Labor Day, Church office closed

Tuesday September 2,

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

Wednesday, September 3

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Ministry Meeting
- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 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, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers



**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
August 31, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY
Dawn Kimura

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Melissa Wandover and Wanda Gunter

Twos and Threes

Steve and Renee Shaffer

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building

Evelyn Dunlap

Front Lower Level

Bill Sanderson

SOUND


Rich Wandover

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 Pray for These Hospitalized Members:
As of Tuesday, Aug 26, 2008

Lexington Medical Center
Sara Shealy

Palmetto Richland Heart Hospital
Mertie Lee

REMEMBER OUR TRANSITION TEAM IN PRAYER

Bob Hazel Bob Price
Jack Hill Greg Shepherd
Len Hill Terry Smith

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



September 3
Roast Beef
Rice/Gravy
Green Beans
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 _____

Pray every day for our church!