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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MUSIC **JUNE 22-26** CRAFTS
BIBLE STORIES **6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** MISSION STORIES

for children age 3 (by 09/01/07) through 8th grade
(Childcare is provided for children of VBS workers and those attending adult classes.)

Classes offered for adults are:

“Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun” (taught by Sallie Bozard)
A series of five workshops for parents. America’s most practical and entertaining parent training, creating happy families and responsible kids.

“The Purpose-Driven Church” (taught by David Ness)
A series of workshops based on the book by Rick Warren, pastor of Saddleback Church in California. Each night will be an overview of the four courses of the study: Discovering Church Membership; Discovering Spiritual Maturity; Discovering Your Ministry; Discovering Your Life Mission.

Please notify the church office if you plan to take part in the adult studies so that materials can be prepared.

**Bring the whole family!
There’s something for every member!**

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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 pm Supper/ Library open
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Children’s Choirs
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



Wasn't it great to see the 'dads' of our church down front this past Sunday? Thanks fellows, you have been faithful in your service and Christian witness and our church is indebted to you. Wear your hats proudly. (Thanks for all you that provided funds for the Mom and Dad Day gifts).



We welcome Jody Radcliff and his dear family as they begin their ministry at our church. I am praying that God will anoint this family as they minister to our church family. Jody can't do it by himself as he needs volunteers for all phases of his ministry; together we can bring about miracles!

Be sure that you remain faithful with your tithes and offerings as during the summer months we experience some heavy expenses. Thanks for what you are doing and especially for your positive and upbeat attitude.

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR JUNE

Standing Tall

Memories of Vacation Bible Schools include both the story and song about Zacchaeus – “a wee little man was he.” Bible students remember that Zacchaeus had gotten wealthy at the expense of others.

And even more, we remember that Zacchaeus was a short man and had to climb a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. But later, after Jesus spent time with him, Zacchaeus stood tall. This is not to suggest that he grew physically, but we admire and rejoice in his change of attitude, his spiritual growth and commitment. He said, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount” (Luke 19:8, NIV).

Whatever our physical disadvantages may be, we can stand tall in our willingness and commitment to give. What was Jesus' response to Zachaeus? “Today salvation has come to this house” (Luke 19:9, NIV).



LET'S DO LUNCH SHEALY'S Monday, June 30

Senior Adults (and anyone else who may be interested) are invited to go out to Batesburg-Leesville for lunch. We will depart from the church at 10:30 a.m.. Your cost is \$2 plus money for lunch. Contact me to sign up.



CHILDREN'S SUMMER CHOIRS

are meeting on Wednesday evenings
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Special Conference for Senior Adults and their caregivers Assisted Living: How and When to Choose

(This is a change in topic from last week's notice.)

June 30 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

West Columbia County Library

Our church is partnering with Agape Senior, Green Hill Baptist and Lexington Baptist Churches to provide this event. It will be a night of Refreshments and information to help you understand the complexity of managing medications for you or your loved one. The one hour session will cover topics such as:

- Medication Monitoring
 - Aging in Place
- Social and Spiritual Interactions
- Degrees of assistance and levels of care
 - Financial obligation
 - Activities of daily living

If you would like to ride the bus to this conference, contact Charlton Bozard or the church office.

For more information, please call (803) 454-0365

Update on the Transition Process:

The next task concerns Decision Making/ Leadership. Please be aware of these special dates and events:

1. Wednesday, June 18 - Conflict Management (fellowship hall)
2. Wednesday, July 9 - Robert's Rules of Order
3. Sunday, July 13 - AM & PM Spiritual Gifts
4. Wednesday, July 23 - Decision Making (fellowship hall)



It is hard to believe it is already summer. Things are really picking up around our church. You will notice that **Vacation Bible School** starts this Sunday. This is probably the most exciting week of ministry at First

Baptist Church. Many children come to Christ as a result of VBS! Let's invite our friends, neighbors, and families to come.

Adults, there are 2 courses available for you. David Ness will host "The Purpose Driven Life" and Sallie Board will host "Parenting with Love and Logic". I have personally been through this course and it is the BEST parenting class I have ever taken.

Also, the **Nominating Committee** is beginning work on staffing YOU, the church body, into many needed leadership and service positions. The first step is for you to tell us where God has gifted you and where He is leading you to serve in the 2008-2009 church year. Questionnaires are available in the church office and in Sundays bulletin. Remember, we all have a place of service in First Baptist Church. Christ is the Head, we are the Body.

One exciting thing we are going to do is more outreach. Many of you have come to me recently and shared a desire to reach our community for Christ. I am putting plans together on the best way to do this and your input if valuable to me. Please call me at the church office or come by the church office to share your ideas.



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

It is summer time! Right now we are having Lighthouse on Wednesday nights from 6-7:30pm. We will have in-depth Bible studies about YOUR life, prayer time, games, and food. Meet in the Lighthouse and bring your friends.

We will join with other churches once a month for **Grounded at the Pavilion**, a way to worship with other teens and allow you to pull in your friends who are not so used to church life just yet. We will be planning some awesome events and I want your input. Car-winds, cook-outs, rafting, etc. It is all in the works.

Jody



Sunday, June 29
COVERED DISH DINNER
5:30 p.m. in
Burriss Hall

The History Subcommittee of the Transition Committee will make its report following the dinner.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



June 15, 2008
MaCayla Ratcliffe
Leia Ratcliffe

By Profession of Faith
for Baptism

Deacon: Bob Price

MATTER OF FACT

Dr. Lonnie H. Shull, Jr. – Pastor 1997 – 2006

Upon his arrival in 1997 he was confronted with the urgency of needs concerning our buildings. The church had no money to meet these needs. With much prayer, Pastor Lonnie was led to present a plan to the church citing Esther 4:16... "for you have come to the Kingdom for such a time as this," leading to "For Such a Time as This" campaign for facilities renewal.

Through over and above gifts to FSATAT, as well as individual designated gifts, the people accomplished great things. The heating and cooling system in the sanctuary/chapel area was replaced. The entire church interior and exterior wooden areas were painted, new carpet and new lighting was installed in the educational buildings, and new tables were purchased for Burriss Hall as well as chairs for the Sunday School areas in the Burriss Building. The church was given the opportunity to give stained glass windows on the lower floor beneath the sanctuary. The entire mechanical system in the Burriss Building was replaced. Roofs were replaced on the sanctuary building and the Burriss Building and more than 200 windows were replaced in the Burriss and Snyder buildings. A new range, refrigerator and other improvements to the kitchen were made. The people raised money for a bus and we paid cash for it when it was delivered. A full-sized commercial type Otis elevator was installed and we were able to update the children's playground area. The donation of the steeple was a big event in our church's history.

Upon his retirement all of the above had been done, not a dime was owed and the church had \$100,000 in a money market designated for "For Such a Time as This" projects and Pastor Lonnie is quick to say "To God and to God alone be the Glory!"

His love for the Lord, this church, its history and his faith in the people were always obvious and upon his retirement he was named Pastor Emeritus.



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

Eunice Lee and family in the loss of her sister, Edna Oswalt of Leesville.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
June 22-28, 2008

Sunday, June 22

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
 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 23

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 24

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 25

5:30 p.m. Library opens
 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday, June 26

9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
 6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
June 22

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Allene Hatfield
 Candice Compo, Neal Bray

Twos and Threes

Steve and Renee Shaffer

SOUND

Rich Wandover

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

William Fallaw

Burris Building

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

Boyd and Azalee Anderson

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Pray for These Hospitalized Members:

As of Tuesday, June 17

The church staff is not aware of any church members in the hospital. If you or a family member become hospitalized, please notify us.

Durham Adkins is back home in West Columbia, recovering from his liver transplant and doing well.



OUR GROUP AT CAMP LAVIDA

These young ladies spent June 9-13 attending GA Camp LaVida.

(from top)

Melanie Ratcliffe,
 Skylar Williams, Brianna Taylor,
 MaCayla Ratcliffe,
 Anne Marie Brown, Ashley Hudson

Sunday Morning, June 22
“The Worst Story”
Luke 15:23-31

Pray every day for our church!