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JODY RATCLIFFE CALLED AS ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR YOUTH AND EDUCATION

In a called church conference on Wednesday, May 28, the church voted to call Jody Ratcliffe to fill the position of Associate Pastor. He will support our education and pastoral ministries and lead our youth ministry. He also will support our outreach efforts within our church and to our community. His first official day will be Monday, June 16.

Jody also will be completing his studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is “in class” this week, but will be able to do most of his course work locally. Next week, Melanie will be leading a group a girls at Camp LaVida, so Jody will be serving as *Mr. Mom* to the children at home.

Jody and Melanie have been “back home” since December. Their family has been active at FBCWC, their home church, in between speaking engagements and other IMB commitments. They are on a two-year leave of absence from the International Mission Board. We look forward to this time of ministry together with Jody and Melanie.

Be in prayer for Jody, Melanie, MaCayla, Leia and Aiden for this new phase of their ministry and as they look for a place to live and set up housekeeping.

DR. DON BISHOP
INTERIM PASTOR

CHARLTON BOZARD
MUSIC/ADULT ACTIVITIES

DR. LONNIE SHULL
PASTOR EMERITUS



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Four young ladies from our church will be attending GA camp at Camp LaVida near White Oak the week of June 9-13.

Anne Marie Brown, Ashlie Hudson, MaCayla Ratcliffe and Brianna Taylor will be attending.

Melanie Ratcliffe will also be at this camp serving as the camp missionary for the week.

Remember these young ladies in prayer as they enjoy this week of fun and learning about missions.

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



WOW! Sunday was a great day in the life of our church as we came to terms with our history and prepared for our future. Such an event did not just happen as many folks worked long and hard to make this a team effort. Thanks to our History Task Team, to our kitchen workers, and many others that made this a success. Paul Bessinger always does a great job in providing the fixings that went with our meals. The painting by Allison was the icing on the cake! Thanks to all.

Did you hear how our church has faced one hardship after another over the years and were successful because they were focused on their purpose and united in their efforts. If our church (any church) ever gets on the same page there is no telling what can be accomplished. Satan does his best to see that we look out for our selfish interest and therefore forget our main business. This world has yet to see what God can do with a totally committed church; why don't we take up the challenge.

This first task of the Transition Process is now valuable history and will be used as we get ready for our new pastoral leadership. You will be hearing about the next tasks that are underway at this time. Keep up the good work.

See ye Sunday,
Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

MATTER OF FACT

Rev. W. Arthur Shepherd was pastor of this church from 1922 until 1926. He was one of two men ordained on April 24, 1921 and he became pastor of this same church less than a year later. Rev. Shepherd resigned in 1926 to attend Southern Seminary.

In 1944 at age 55, he was pastor at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. In December of that year, he and his wife (Mary) were involved in a near fatal accident (hit by drunk driver) coming home from church. It was so critical, his son Allen was called home from his Naval service in the war on Iwo Jima. Rev. and Mrs. Shepherd both suffered permanent injuries, which prohibited him from holding a pastorate. He was able to return to FBC-WC to teach Sunday School in the late 1940s. He also preached upon request from time to time until his death in 1959. Rev. Shepherd was the father-in-law of church member Grace Shepherd and grandfather of Greg Shepherd.



"Celebrating Our History" Sunday was a huge success. Thanks to the committee for their hard work over these weeks to put the service together. We look forward to hearing your report later this month.

SENIOR ADULT SHORT TRIP LET'S GO TO THE LAKE

Monday, June 9

We will leave at 10:30 to travel to my brother's house in Chapin. We will take our lunch and enjoy some time on the dock and the boat. Your cost will be \$10 for gas and lunch. Contact me or the church office to sign up!



CHILDREN'S SUMMER CHOIRS

beginning Wednesday, June 11
6:30 p.m.

Two groups will be offered for our children during the summer:

Younger Children

(for children age 3 through age 5)
led by Amelia Schafer

Older Children

(for children entering grades 1-5)
led by Charlton Bozard

I hope all our children will attend when not out of town and will invite their friends to come with them!

Charlton

MEN'S



Breakfast

MEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Friday, June 13 8:00 a.m.
River Cats Cafeteria
235 Old Two Notch Road
(next to LBA Office)

All men of the church are
invited to join us.

Contact Lee Matthews if you
have any questions.

A Note from Jody Ratcliffe

"They said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work." Nehemiah 2:18b

Many dear people have said that we have a lot of work ahead of us. I agree. The book of Nehemiah is my favorite book of the Bible. It is my current inspiration and guide as to the great work ahead of us at First Baptist Church of West Columbia. None of us could have predicted the events we have been through and I certainly could not have predicted God would clearly call my family to return to serve you once again. We are thankful for your invitation to lead in some very vital ministries for our church. You are a very special church with so many great spiritual attributes.

In the book of Nehemiah, rebuilding needed to take place. The people said in unity "let US rise up and build." The strength and health of our church depends on our unity and our Christian love for one another. Let us prepare our hearts and hands for this good work.

There are three areas that will be my focus. The Youth Ministry will be strengthened and whole families of our teenagers will be ministered to. Our Education Ministry will continue to train teachers and offer studies for your spiritual growth. Lastly, our Outreach must be given attention as we will seek out our members AND reach out to our nearby community on a consistent basis. I am looking forward to training our members with some of our IMB techniques of outreach and church growth.

I am absolutely amazed at the greatness of our God. He is not yet finished in our city!

Jody

Thank You, Mark!

On November 7, 2008 Mark Simpson was employed temporarily by FBCWC to provide part time assistance in the church office when our office staff was down to one person. Mark continued in this capacity until May 29. His faithfulness and dependability to cheerfully assist in meeting various clerical, receptionist and other duties are appreciated by all.

Also, during this time Mark successfully studied for and passed the GED certification test. Last week he learned that he has been accepted at Midlands Tech for the Fall Semester, where he will be concentrating on computer studies. So both congratulations and thanks are due to Mark as he moves on into new areas of opportunity.

As an active member of FBCWC, Mark will continue to participate in church activities and contribute to the Kingdom of God as he has for many of his young years.

Thank you and God bless you, Mark!

Your "Coming To Terms with our History" Team would like to thank ...

* God's People of FBCWC - all of you made Sunday so special and created another moment in our history books! We had a blast getting ready for our Celebration and because of each of "You" - it was a very special occasion! Thanks for being there and for all of your participation! For all of you who dressed up! Your outfits were Amazing!

* Allison Fowler for using her spiritual gifts in creating a painting that represents our past and our present for all of us to enjoy throughout the years to come!

* Cornelia Hutto for her beautiful testimony!

* History and Archives Committee for all of their work throughout the month of May in Sunday services and their willingness to have an Open House for all of our members to browse and enjoy our History/Archives room!

* Thompson Funeral Home for providing our New Fans for all of members to enjoy!

* Alice Godfrey of Parkland Cakes for donating our Celebration Cake!

* Paul Bessinger for taking the time to set up, prepare the food, and providing our church with a wonderful meal!

* Bryan Jeffcoat's set up and take down team - ya'll were a huge blessing! Thanks for giving of your time and strength!

* Our Nursery workers who volunteered to help with our children so that all of our parents could enjoy the service!

*All of our members who took the time to write letters and share their special memories on our timeline! The letters were beautiful testimonies of what our church has meant to families over the years!

*Our Kitchen committee - thanks so much for all of your help!

* All of you who prepared food for our covered dish luncheon. We don't think anyone left hungry and everyone really enjoyed it all.

* To the entire staff at FBCWC for going the extra mile and doing the "extras" to make our Celebration very successful!

We are in the Final Stages of preparing our report. It is scheduled to be delivered on Sunday, June 29th at our "5th Sunday Supper. We are all looking forward to sharing our findings with you!

Giving God Our Best!

Your "Coming to Terms with our History" Team

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

June 8 - 14, 2008

Sunday, June 8

- 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. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, June 9

- 10:30 a.m. Sr. Adult trip to Lake Murray

Tuesday, June 3

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Group
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, June 11

- 5:30 p.m. Library opens
- 6:00 p. m. Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting-Church Conf.
Children's Summer Choirs
- 7:30 p. m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group

Friday, June 13

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

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

June 8

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Wanda Gunter, Betty Noell
Eva Lynn Hill

Twos and Threes

Kevin and Julie Barfield

SOUND

Rich Wandover

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burris Building

Gerry Berry, Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level

Jack and Virginia Hill

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**REMEMBER
OUR
TRANSITION
TEAM
IN
PRAYER**

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



**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:**

**As of Tuesday,
June 3**

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



**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**

June 22-26 6-8 p.m.

Pray every day for our church!