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Experience Joy! **"A New Approach to Giving"**

November Stewardship Focus

"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."

Malachi 3:10

Worship through Giving! Obedience through Giving!

Catch Up and Renewal Sunday
Nov. 23 AM Worship

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PASTOR EMERITUS



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Sunday, November 23
6:00 p.m. Burriss Hall

What is a Ministry Fair?

All the ministries of FBC West Columbia will be on display for you to see. It will be amazing! We will have 19 displays to show all the ways God has been at work in our church in the last year. You are invited to visit each display, enjoy some light snacks and fellowship, and credit God for all He has done.

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Week of Prayer for International Missions

November 30-December 7

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

National Goal: \$170 million

First Baptist Church Goal: \$8,000

Missionaries Chris and Patty Hicks, who serve in North Africa, will be our guest speakers for our International Missions Emphasis on Wednesday evening, December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

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
Discipleship Training

Wednesday

4:30 pm Piece Makers
5:30 pm Supper Line opens
6:00 pm Library open
LIGHTHOUSE
Children's Choirs
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
6:45 pm RA's, GA's,
Mission Friends
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



There is much talk about finances as we look at the 700 billion dollar bailout and now the auto makers are asking for 25 billion and three major cities telling the government that they need billions of dollars just to operate. Several credit card companies are lining up for their share of this 'free money'. I heard someone said that they had converted their garage into a bank and now they are asking for some of the bailout money.

How would you feel if our church got in line and asked the government for some of the bailout billions? Sure it would be good for the economy because we could take the tithe and spend it for essentials and gifts. We don't waste money and we'll use it to help many folks so our action would be justified.

Never happen! We have too much pride and we know that the government is not our source of financial support. Our church is our church and we support it with our tithes. If our church ever goes broke it will be because we failed to do what God asked us to do. Bailout is not for the church but spiritual stewardship is. What a joy it is to be a part of a church that takes pride in doing what is right!!!!

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

Sunday, November 23

**A.M. "Where Does Stewardship Start"
Matthew 6:21**



We will observe the Ordinance of Believers Baptism

P.M. Ministry Fair in Burriss Hall

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

We have now passed our Oct. 31st deadline for submission of resumes for the position of Senior Pastor, and we are excited to report our progress to the congregation. As of Monday, Nov. 10th, we had narrowed our search from the ninety-nine (99) resumes received to our top twenty (20) based on the pastor profile resulting from our church survey outlining "What I want our next pastor to be." It is our objective to narrow the top twenty (20) to five (5) on Monday, Nov. 17th.

The training we received from Dr. Bishop and the pastor profile have been invaluable in this process, as well as the prayers from our congregation. Please continue to pray as we narrow our search for the man God has chosen to lead our church and our community.

**Janie Chapman Offering
for State Missions**

FBCWC Goal: \$3,000.00
Received to date \$3,052.06

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!



**Thursday, November 20
11:00 a.m.**

Speaker: Dottie Bokanovich

CHARLESTON CHRISTMAS TRIP!! Final payments of \$48/person are due November 20. This trip is Friday, December 12, departing at 1 p.m.

Our **Sanctuary Choir, Music Makers, and Young Musicians** are hard at work preparing special worship experiences for the Christmas season. Please lift our groups up in prayer every day. Here is our schedule:

Sunday, December 14 5:00 p.m.
"A Shepherd's Story"
presented by Music Makers and Young Musicians

Sunday, December 21 5:00 p.m.
"Do You Hear What I Hear"
presented by
Sanctuary Choir
(with some help from Young musicians and Music Makers)

NOTE THAT THESE SERVICES ARE AT 5:00 P.M.

Charlton



COME HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS!

On Monday, November 24, beginning at 6:30, we will be lighting the trees and hanging the garland in our sanctuary for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to help as we make our sanctuary beautiful and as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR PRISONERS

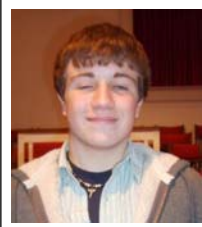
Again this year, we will be partnering with the SC Baptist Convention to provide packets for prisoners. A list of approved items is posted on the bulletin board near the church office. You can provide them, or make a donation toward their purchase. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions.

NOTE: All items must fit in gallon size zipper plastic bag. DEADLINE FOR PACKETS/DONATIONS IS NOV. 24th



The richness of your faith is shining through. We have been witness to great testimonies about tithing and giving these past few weeks. Sunday was a gift from the Lord as we were able to explore God's standard for us, His children. I truly expect to see great things from His hands now and in the near future. We still have lots to discover and I am looking forward to Tithe Renewal/ Catch Up Day this Sunday. Let's not be afraid to be a people of faith and let's "master" the sin of unfavorable giving.

Just a reminder: All participants in Sunday's Ministry Fair can begin setting up at 4pm in Burriss Hall. Tables will be labeled with ministry names. The event will begin at 6pm and you will need to be in place just prior to that. I am looking forward to a great celebration and fellowship.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Jay Simmons
By Baptism

THE BAPTIST COURIER

The Courier is the news magazine of SC Baptists. The church provides it for church members who wish to receive it. We are in the process of revising that list.

If you would like to continue to receive The Baptist Courier please make a quick phone call to Janet in the church office and let her know. If you do not wish to receive it, simply do nothing, and your name will be removed from the list. If you need to call after hours, leave a message at extension 300. Please call by November 30.



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

As God continues to bless our youth ministry, we welcome Jay Simmons to the church. Jay has been faithful in his attendance since first visiting in July. Many people were praying for Jay and I want to ask the church to keep praying for several more youth that are very close to making spiritual decisions. As you pray, prepare to see God do amazing things! Teenagers, there are some new sign-up sheets outside the Lighthouse so check them out.

I was blessed to be a part of a great training seminar last week that has prepared me to better minister to our high school upperclassmen. Their needs are unique and we will have some specific small groups for them in the New Year. Once they are in college, we will not let go of them, but continue to push them to greatness. We are blessed with some special young people and need to exhaust ourselves in bettering them.



Our Youth sponsored a tree for the 2008 Festival of Trees silent auction to benefit Palmetto Health Children's Hospital. This project was chosen as an opportunity to remind the public that "It All Began With Christ". This year's Festival is being held at the Children's Hospital and is free to the public **Nov. 22nd, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Nov. 23rd, noon-4 p.m.** Decorated trees, wreaths, tabletop trees, centerpieces and garland are all available for bid.

Several of our youth went out into the community and received donations from Applebee's, Jewelry Warehouse, Family Christian Bookstore and Lifeway Christian Books.

A big thank you to Jim and Amelia Schafer for donating a week's lodging at their beach house to add value to our tree and draw attention to our message. All of the items on our tree were donated and all have a message of faith-bookmarks, faith bears, promotional Christian CDs, lighthouse key chains, etc. Around our tree stands a large nativity and our message "It All Began With Christ." A basket of inspirational books, gifts and a Bible, Hymnal, bulletin and other information from our church are also included. We hope you will have an opportunity to attend and see our display.



*Tuesday,
November 25*

*6:00 p.m.
Burriss Hall*

*Thanksgiving
Dinner*

Traditional Menu catered by Paul Bessinger

Adult - \$6 Children - \$3.50

Reservations required by November 23

*Call the church office or use a regular
supper reservation form*



The deadline to order poinsettias for Christmas is
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

The cost is \$13.

Forms are available at sanctuary entrances
or the church office.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
November 23-29, 2008**

Sunday, November 23

- 9:00 a.m. College/Singles Breakfast
- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers Mtg.
- 6:00 p.m. Ministry Fair

Monday, November 24

- 6:30 p.m. Decorate the Sanctuary
for Christmas
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team

Tuesday November 25

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Dinner &
Service

Wednesday, November 26

No Evening Activities

Thursday, November 27

**Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed**

Friday, November 28

Church Office Closed

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
November 23, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Wanda Gunter and Betty Noell

Twos and Threes

Larry and Anne Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

William Fallaw

Burriss Building

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

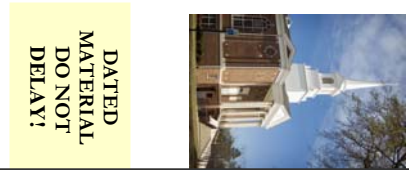
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Pray for These Hospitalized Members:
As of Tuesday,
Nov. 18, 2008

Palmetto Richland
Frances Alban

Palmetto Baptist
Maynard Vaughn

The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Friday from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. The financial secretary is not available on Wednesday; the church secretary is not available on Friday.

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for the end of 2008 **must** be submitted no later than Sunday, December 28th. Contributions received after 12/28/08 will be counted for the 2009 tax year.

Pray daily for our Pastor Search Team

Bobby Horton, Chairman
Allan Murray, vice-chair
Debra Gauden, sec.
Clyde Blackburn
Billy Hayes
Amelia Schafer
Greg Shepherd

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV