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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

FBC Ministry Fair
Nov. 23 6pm Burris Hall



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Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 25 6:00 p.m.

Burri's Hall 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

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



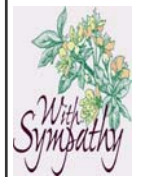
As I write this note I have images of scores of people standing in line at polling places as they cast their vote in this historical election. We will have set records as far as involvement of the number that voted this year. That is great! It felt good casting my vote. But now what?

I hope you will continue to be involved in the government of our nation on all levels. Let me suggest several methods of involvement that we can employ:

1. Pray for our elected men and women. Let them know that you are praying that their behavior will reflect values that serve the people and honor our nation and God.
2. Contact our elected officials often! Praise them for a job well done and constructively criticize them when they get out of touch. Let our officials hear from us on all matters; it does make a difference.
3. Be informed on what is happening locally and nationally. Read some books, do some research and don't just depend on the news media for factual information. The news media feeds us what they want us to hear. Be mature.
4. Be assured that God is in control and our help comes from the Lord who transcends all nations, powers and governments.

God bless America and may America bless God and the rest of the world.

Interim Pastor Don Bishop



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

...Sherrie Bouknight in the loss of her father,
Brady O'Neal Sullivan

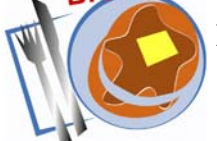
FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Pastor Search Team continues to meet on a weekly basis reviewing, individually and as a group, the 95 resumes received for the position of Senior Pastor. Approximately 12-15% of the resumes submitted fit our profile for a Senior Pastor as outlined by our recent church survey. Please continue to pray daily for each Pastor Search Team member as we seek God's guidance and direction in this important task for the future of FBCWC.

Bobby Horton, Chairman

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

**Men's
Breakfast**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
8:00 A.M.
RIVERCATS RESTAURANT
(Old Two Notch Rd., Lexington)
Come join in the fellowship!**



Wow! Can you believe it's already November. In a blink we will be celebrating Christmas here at First Baptist. I ask that you be in prayer for our groups that are preparing special programs for Christmas worship.

Music Makers and Young Musicians
will present "A Shepherd's Story"
on Sunday, December 14.

Sanctuary Choir
(with some help from Young Musicians)
will present "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
on Sunday, December 21.

**BOTH OF THESE PRESENTATIONS
WILL BE AT 5:00 P.M.**

We tried this last year and folks seemed to like it. You can drive to church before dark and possibly attend another program in the evening.

Put these events on your calendar, as well as our

Service of Carols and Candles
at 5:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Charleston Christmas Trip balance due Nov, 20



**Saturday, November 15
9am-2pm.**

Adults please bring \$2 for lunch. (Participating youth and college students will eat for free!) We need a lot of workers to join with the Building and Grounds Committee to tackle many issues. We want this to be a fun day of fellowship. Sunday School leaders and class members may use this day to come and de-clutter their rooms or spruce them up. We need strong men to help move heavy things to the garbage can. Please see Eunice Lee for details.

CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR PRISONERS

Again this year, we will be partnering with the SC Baptist Convention to provide packets for prisoners. The following items will be included. You can provide them, or make a donation toward their purchase. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions. Deadline is November 24. Approved items are:

one blue or black non retractable pen (no wire clip)

one 6 oz. or larger toothpaste

one adult sized toothbrush (factory sealed)

one 4-6 oz. bar of soap

one 50 page 5 1/2 x 8 or larger writing tablet
(100 pages max. no wire binding)

five first class stamp embossed envelopes
(purchased at US post office)

two rolls of Lifesavers or Mentos type candy

NOTE: All items must fit in gallon size zipper plastic bag.



WOW! What an opportunity Friday was to further expose our church to this community. There were somewhere between 80-100 folks who came and enjoyed our Fall "Trunk or Treat" Festival. It was amazing. I actually lost count of the number of

First Baptist folks working the event or providing goodies and candy. Our goal was to again place ourselves outside in a neutral environment in order to meet brand new people who surround the church every day. One important table we had passed out scriptures, Christian literature, and FBC information. It was a multinational event as we got to meet Chinese and Hispanic neighbors. We even got a visit from our Russian friends on B. Avenue as well as our African friends on Augusta St. Thank you Lord for using us as your ambassadors and I want to thank everyone who prayed and gave to make this event a success. You did a great job showing people a real, caring, and fun Christianity!

We began Experience Joy: A New Approach to Giving on Sunday. I hope that you will see the available joy that exists in tithing consistently. Each week there will be testimonies. Our sermon series will be Nov. 16 and 23. Catch Up Sunday is Nov. 23 in the AM service. Please prepare to make a new or renewed commitment to the Lord and bring your best and "first fruits." We top things off with the Ministry Fair in Burriss Hall Nov. 23 at 6pm. Everyone is invited to come and see the various active ministries of FBC on display. Experience Joy through tithing!

MEMORIALS

Budget

In loving memory of Rodney Summers

Gail & Ron Rhymer, Randolph & Inez Senn, Presbyterian Women of Saxe Gotha Presbyterian Church, Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Grayson Mills, Sr., Rodney G. Mills, Jr., Jean & Louise Mills McKillop, Ruth Banks, Jimmy & Kay Senn, Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baker, Mike & Faye Salters

In loving memory of Naomi Snyder

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Baker

For Such A Time As This

In loving memory of Naomi Snyder

Mary Branham

Pure Water/Pure Love

In loving memory of Roy Faulk

Mrs. Betty Trotter and Mike & Faye Salters

In Home Ministry

In Loving Memory of: Ashby Lloyd, Roy Faulk and Evelyn Ouzts

Miriam King

Janie Chapman Missions Offering

In loving Memory of: Naomi Snyder

Given by: The New Discovery Class



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

I am happy to report that we have had a new attendance record for our Wednesday night Lighthouse Night: 16 students. Our goal is 25 by the New Year, but our focus is not the number. We want to pack the room so we can get the most spiritual training to the most teenagers possible. Our goal is their salvation and then full and active church membership. Our Wednesday night program is the first step in introducing them to Christ and true Christianity. We then move them toward our Sunday programs and toward church attendance. There is never a rush. We want them to be active in all parts of the kingdom, not just the youth program.

Church Wide Clean Up Day!

This is our November Event. Our youth are strong workers, some with mission experience. Now, we want all to come and join the entire church in a huge effort to improve many inside areas of the church. We will mostly be hauling off discarded items, cleaning the Lighthouse, and organizing our Sunday School Rooms. Lunch is free for all youth, singles, and college students.

Christmas Party is Coming! Time to play "Bad Santa."

HONORARIUMS

Pure Water, Pure Love

In Honor of Mertie Lee and Janie Peak

The Hope/Winsome Class

In honor of Mrs. Nellie Adkins

Hope Sunday School Class



We are now taking orders for poinsettias to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. The poinsettias will be placed in the church

on Sunday, December 7. Fill out the form below and return it with \$13.00 in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 23.

I will give _____ poinsettia(s) at \$13.00 each.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

_____ I will pick up my poinsettia(s) for home use.

_____ I will donate my poinsettia(s) to be given to a homebound person.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
November 9-15, 2008**

Sunday, November 9

- 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
- 4:00 a.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Discipleship Training Classes

Monday, November 10

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team
- 6:45 p.m. SC Baptist Singing
- Churchmen, Beulah Baptist, Hopkins

Tuesday November 11

SC BAPTIST CONVENTION

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

Wednesday, November 12

SC BAPTIST CONVENTION

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- Library opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- LIGHTHOUSE**
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Church Conference
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's ,
- Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 13

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

Saturday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Church Clean-up Day
- 2:00 p.m. Martha Hawthorne Group at Twilite Manor

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
November 9, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Nick and Jill Zueger

Twos and Threes

Laura Rose, Kati Gaulden

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level

Jack and Virginia Hill

SOUND

Rich Wandover, James Franks

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DO NOT
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Pray for These Hospitalized Members:

As of Tuesday, Nov. 4, 2008

No members known to be in the hospital.

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.

Pray for the SC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting November 11-12 in Columbia

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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

November 12
BBQ Sandwich
Baked Beans, Slaw
Rolls and Dessert

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

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.