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

November Stewardship Focus Starts Sunday

"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!

**Testimonies
from the
Faithful
every week!**

**Catch Up and
Renewal Sunday
Nov. 23 AM Worship**

**Special Sermon
Series by Rev.
Ratcliffe and
Rev. Bishop**

**FBC Ministry Fair
Nov. 23 6pm**



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BAPTIST WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"Seeing with New Eyes God's Care"

*Prayer Focus: Southwest Pacific Countries and
A Time of Prayer for Baptist Work Worldwide*

*Monday, November 3 at First Baptist Church
Salad Supper begins at 6:45 in Burriss Hall*

All women of the church are invited to attend.



Friday, October 31 5:30 pm-7:30 pm

on the church grounds. This is not just for our kids, but it will serve as an outreach to our neighbors.

If you would like to sign up to host a trunk (cars), a hay ride, provide baked goods, or just to come and simply mingle in the crowd and meet new people contact Jody! Remember, to those who don't know Jesus yet, we are the only reflection of Him they can see!

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



West Columbia First "Happy Hour"

We just finished a study on the life and times of Jonah and it was a learning experience for me. This reluctant prophet taught us how not to serve and honor God. We will do well when we learn from the mistakes of others and try to adjust our lives accordingly.

Jonah was angry when God did not send punishment to the people of Nineveh as 120,000 folks repented of their sins. Jonah got angry and refused to enter into the joy of God and the redeemed. That is scary. Have we entered into the joy of our Lord? Do we rejoice because "this is the day that the Lord has made"? Are we glad when it is time to go to the house of the Lord?

I look at signs outside bars and clubs that announce 'happy hour'. I declare there is a temptation to stop and go in so that I can experience their 'happy hour'. How I wish that we in the church would broadcast that our worship time was truly a 'happy hour' with singing and celebration and smiling faces and joy. If we did and if we lived up to that billing I believe a flood of folks would find their way as they seek true happiness and joy that is a fruit of the Spirit.

Jesus told the faithful servants in Matthew 25 to "Come and share your master's happiness." That's the kind of invitation I like to hear and that invitation is a challenge for us on Sundays.

See you at "happy hour".

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

Sunday, November 2

A.M. Lost Church Members
Luke 15

P.M. The Lord's Prayer: Dealing with Temptation
Matthew 6

Clean-up Day



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.

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CONNIE MAXWELL CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD DRIVE

It's time for our annual collection of canned food and staple items for our children's home. Collection boxes are located outside the church office and at the sanctuary entrances. **DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.**

A typical week's grocery list for a cottage of eight children at Connie Maxwell is posted on the bulletin board near the church office..

Thank you for your generosity!



Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 25

6:00 p.m.

Burriss Hall Traditional Menu

Adult - \$6 Children - \$3.50

Reservations required by November 23

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



Debra and Sid Gauden have safely returned from serving with a Southern Baptist Disaster Relief mud-out team in Jefferson County, Texas. The 6 member team from across the state lead by Avery Fox from River Springs departed on Oct. 18th and returned on Oct. 26th. Team members provided physical labor and spiritual support for three households who were victims of Hurricane Ike.

FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

At our weekly meeting the Pastor Search Team is continuing to evaluate resumes as they are received. Currently we have 68 on hand. The deadline for receiving them is October 31.

If anyone has any input for the committee, please contact one of the team members.



Now is the time to pray! Many of you have volunteered to serve this Friday at our Trunk or Treat Fall Festival and now we must prepare ourselves to be God's ambassadors to our community. Please pray for two things: one, for God to release our community from the spiritual state of death and two, for God to release us into the community as His representatives. May He grant salvation by His own hand and use us as His instruments! Remember, we may not see the results of any kind of outreach event immediately. In God's time, He uses our service. Let's trust Him this Friday. Even if you cannot be here, please pray just as fervently.

Just a word of encouragement about 2009! Many of us are involved in budget planning in the next two weeks. I want to let you know, WE CAN DO THIS. God's people never give up hope and will always find ways to be His witnesses and servants especially in harder times. Our budget is about two things: making disciples of the saved and seeking the salvation of the lost. Keep this in mind as you prepare your numbers and know that God is going to bless in ways we cannot plan or imagine. He is the one true God and He is good.



Café Connection

Ladies, would you like to have a little more time just for you? Would you like to connect better with women like yourself? Join us at the church this Saturday, November 1 at 6:30 to go out for a casual evening of food, fellowship, and fun with other women from our church.

Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor if you have questions and to sign up to come. Hope to see you there!

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. Deadline for contributions is November 24. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions. 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 a gallon size zipper plastic bag.



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Judgment House Trip Details

I am very excited to tell you all that we had one of our youth accept Christ! It happened at the Judgment House on Saturday. Your prayers for our youth are effective. Please continue to pray for the young people God has led to our church. Our desire is to be a family of faith and give the teenagers a safe haven each time they are with us. I want to assure parents that each child receives specialized attention whether they are in Sunday School, in the Lighthouse, or on a trip somewhere off church campus. Our meeting times are purposefully fun with serious Bible study and prayer.

S.N.A.C is Back

This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month and that means we are heading off to eat supper together. We will depart from the church on the bus at 7pm and return at 8:15pm. Teens need to bring around \$5.00. All youth Grades 6-12 are invited to spend this time together. We believe that spending time together just "hanging out", as this generation calls it, is very vital to our group's spiritual health.

Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions

FBC Goal: \$3,000

Total Received: \$ 2,964.81



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 2-8, 2008

Sunday, November 2

- 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. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Discipleship Training Classes
- 7:00 p.m. Youth SNAC

Monday, November 3

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team
- 6:45 p.m. Baptist Women World Day of Prayer, Burriss Hall

Tuesday November 4 ELECTION DAY

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

Wednesday, November 5

LAST DAY TO BRING FOOD FOR CONNIE MAXWELL FOOD DRIVE

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 6

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

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

November 2, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Frances Watson
Angie Johnson

Twos and Threes

Richard and Dawn Kimura

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde & Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

Rich Wandover

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**As of Tuesday,
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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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



November 5
Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans, Slaw
Rolls and Dessert

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



PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

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

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 BE SURE TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR ON SATURDAY NIGHT!

