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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BIBLE STUDY CLASSES FOR 2008-2009

General Leadership

Director: Jim Shealy
Asst. Dir: Melissa Wandover
Secretary: Myrtle Deese

Preschool Division

Director: Sallie Bozard

Babies and Ones:
Sara Frances Watson
co-teacher needed

Age 2 (by Sept. 1)

Amy Hudson
Gina Harmon

Age 3 (by Sept. 1)

Debra Shepherd
Renee Shaffer

Ages 4-5 (by Sept 1)

Amelia Schafer
Wanda Gunter

Children's Division

Director: Eunice Lee

Grades 1-2

Doris Fowler
Bonnie Hook
Allison Fowler

Grades 3-4

Laura Rose
Joyce Gunter

Grade 5

Jannas Matthews

Youth Division

Director: Jody Ratcliffe

Middle School (gr. 6-8):
Robbie & Terry Smith

High School (gr. 9-12)

Debra Gauden
Belinda Inabinet

Dawn Kimura (substitute)

Special Ed

Youth and Young Adult
Joyful Hearts Class
John and Alice Livingston
Pat Fulmer

Adult Division

Fishers of Men

Dir./Teacher: Eric Fowler

Adult 1

College and Young Singles
Melanie Ratcliffe

Adult 2

Young Married
Dir./Teacher: Lee Matthews
Jannas Matthews

Adult 3

Co-Ed

Director: Kyle Taylor
Teacher: Dina Taylor
Outreach: Billy Hayes

Adult 4

Rainbow Class

Dir.: Margaret Blackhurst

Outreach: Brenda Hyatt

Teachers:

Marie Broadwater
Anne Brown
Bob Hazel
Tom Hook
Rick Rickenbaker

Adult 5

Faithful Class
Phyllis Johnson

Walden Class
M.G. Taylor

Adult 6

Director: Paul Player
Asst. Dir. Sharon Snyder
Secretary: Mayo Bryant

Dorcas/Love Class
Virginia Hill

New Discovery Class
Sharon Snyder

Hope/Winsome Class
Janice Shealy
Asst.: Mary Fox

Joy Class
Betty Noell

Ready Class
Jim Schafer
Asst.: Dewey Cockrell,
Wilbur Johnson

Seekers Class
Jack Hill

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PASTOR EMERITUS



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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

4:30 pm Piece Makers
5:30 pm Supper Lines open
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





Now we have entered the fifth and final task of our current Transitional Process – Developing a Commitment to our New Clergy Leadership and Future. As our Pastor Search Committee has been selected, we have equipped this committee with a storehouse of updated information about our church and about our expectations for future leadership. This storehouse of information should expedite the process of the Search Committee and hasten the time of our waiting for our new leadership.

In the meanwhile let me suggest the following:

- Put the past in the past. Let old wounds heal and let forgiveness prevail. No one wins until everyone crosses the finishing line.
- Be faithful in attendance, giving and prayers. No pastor will want to come to an unhealthy church that does not merit your best. Come, tithe and pray.
- Put forth a display of the “fruit of the Spirit.” Let it be known that we are changed people, that we have a new nature and it is the “mind of Christ”.

Don Bishop

**MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA
For Such A Time As This**

In Loving memory of Sam Fox:

Given by: Dorothy Boatwright, Juanita & Daniel Smith, Katherine Ward, Louise & John Hill, Mary Frances Harris, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Roberts, Norman & Virginia Hook, Tradd & Ashley Hook, Becky Baston, Mayo Bryant, The Winsome Sunday school class and the Exercise Class.

In loving memory of: Elisabeth Taylor

Given by: Becky Baston and Mayo Bryant

In loving memory of Colene Brazell

Given by: Mayo Bryant

For Such A Time As This

In Honor of Becky and Alan Murray

Given by: Jim and Pat Tindal

Best Yet To Come

In memory of Sam Fox

Given by Catherine Sox



Can you believe it's already September! We had great crown of kids come enroll in Children's Choirs last week and look forward to a great year. If you missed it, come on this week!

HANDBELLS! Youth and adults interested in playing need to let me know. Whether we have separate groups or ring together depends on the number of ringers, so let me know!

SANCTUARY CHOIR will soon be gearing up for Christmas (can you believe it?). Now is a great time to add your voice to ours. Come join us this Wednesday!



Our meetings will resume on Thursday, September 18 with reports from our Health Screening and answers to your questions. Some changes are in the works this year.

Paul Bessinger will be supplying our meals for us. We will need to raise our meal price to \$4 (still a good deal!)

TRIPS are in the works for the mountains and Christmas.

Charlton

CHURCH PICNIC Join us for a great time of fellowship on Sunday, September 21, 2008 Saluda Shoals Park 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sponsored by Men's Ministries



Men's Ministries will provide hamburgers and chips. If you would like to provide baked beans, slaw, or a dessert, please let the church office know.

The bus will leave the church at 5 pm for folks needing a ride.

Bring your lawn chair.

Games and activities will be available for children.

Contact Janet in the church office to sign up!



**SEASON OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS**

September 14-21

Janie Chapman Offering

State Goal: \$2,000,000

FBC Goal \$3,000



Monday, September 15

7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Have you made YOUR appointment?

Call Janet in the church office!



“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”
Acts 2:42

As we begin a new church year, let us look back to our spiritual forefathers, the early church, and mimic their devotion to the Lord and the gathering together of the saints! God has preserved us through difficulty because glorious days are here and just ahead!

As you see, we have a great fleet of teachers and leaders beginning new ministries this week! I am very proud to serve alongside these and very much want to serve their needs this year. These saints must be the object of our prayers and support from here until this time next year. The road of the ministry is long and many times tough, but these have committed to serve the Lord by serving you and your dear families. As you can see, “all the bases are covered”, but it was not easy. Our church is RAPIDLY recovering from the recent past. I want to applaud our Nominating Committee for such hard work over the summer to get us to today.



PROMOTION SUNDAY

THIS SUNDAY

September 7

Children and Youth will be taken to their new classes during Sunday School.



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

It is FALL!!!!!!!!!!!!
Our Fall Retreat was wonderful. We welcomed the season being half-way scared to death (and freezing cold) on some real small rapids. We had a group of 19 participate. Along the way we got to see The World's Largest 10 Commandments in the Appalachian Mountains. Pictures will be on display on the board outside the Lighthouse. Now that Fall is here, I want to encourage all of our youth to be spreading the word about our church on their campuses. Teens, be proud of your faith and proud of your church and don't let your friends go on living without Christ! Remember, you are the light of the world and your job is to illuminate God by your good works. Wednesdays, we will be studying the Power of the Tongue! Our words can bring life or they can kill. I want to train us all in taming the wild animal inside our mouths.

Jody

MATTER OF FACT

The Fifth Sunday Evening Fellowship Supper became a regular event in 1977.



PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

In called church conference on Sunday, August 31, the following were selected to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Be in prayer for these folks as they go about this important task.

- Clyde Blackburn**
- Debra Gaulden**
- Billy Hayes**
- Bobby Horton**
- Allan Murray**
- Amelia Schafer**
- Greg Shepherd**

These men were also elected to serve as deacons:

- Kevin Barfield**
- Andrew Hutto**
- Ali Johnson**
- Allan Murray**
- Jim Schafer**
- David Simpson**
- Robbie Smith**

"The Transition Team/Identity Committee appreciates the overwhelming support of our members during the transition process which is still ongoing. The information obtained on August 24th from the "What I Want in My Pastor" survey and also pastor leadership evaluations will be very helpful in defining the characteristics and qualifications our congregation desires in a pastor. Thank you and we look forward to receiving more valuable insight from you!"

CAMILLE GRAHAM CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION PICNIC

Saturday, September 13, 2008

If you are providing food for this event, remember that all food needs to be wrapped in clear plastic, not foil. Please bring your food to the church by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13 for transport to the picnic. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions.



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Our GA group is participating in Christmas in August. The missionary they have chosen to help is Jonathan Jones, who operates the Baptist Concern Center in Draper, Utah. The items he requests include: crayons, markers, small toys, stickers, notepads, etc. to fit in Christmas stockings for kindergarten and elementary-aged children. Please bring you contributions to the church office by September 17.

If you have questions, please contact Julie Barfield or Cheryl Simpson.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
September 7-13, 2008**

Sunday, September 7

- 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
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday September 8,

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

Wednesday, September 10

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 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, September 11

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

Saturday, September 13

- 10:00 a.m. Bring food to church for
Camille Graham picnic

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
September 7, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY
Margie hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams and Debra Shepherd

Twos and Threes

Jannas and Hannah Matthews

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

Rich Wandover

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DO NOT
DELAY!**



**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:**

As of Tuesday,
Sept. 2, 2008

**Palmetto Richland
Heart Hospital**

Mertie Lee

Lex. Medical Center

Less Ferguson

**REMEMBER OUR
TRANSITION TEAM
IN PRAYER**

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



September 10

BBQ Chaiken
Hash/rice
Slaw
Rolls and Dessert

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

Name _____

Number of Adults _____

Number of Children (5-9) _____

Number of Preschoolers (under 4) _____

Make this a permanent reservation _____

Pray every day for our