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**VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL**
JUNE 14-18
6:15-8:30 PM

Mark you calendar for this special week.
Classes will be offered for everyone in the family
age 3 through adults! Come join us!
If you are interested in helping with VBS,
contact Jody Ratcliffe, Sallie Bozard, or Eunice Lee.

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*Calling All
Graduates!*

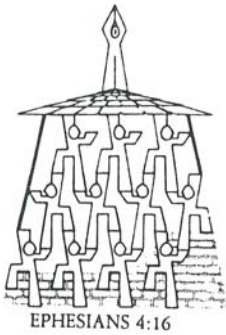
We will be honoring the class of 2009 on
Sunday, May 24.
If you or someone in your family is graduating from
high school, college, or technical school,
please contact Jody Ratcliffe or the church office.



If you would like to know more about our church,
are considering joining First Baptist, or are a new
church member, we invite you to attend one of our
monthly Church Orientation classes. The next
class will start May 3, 2009 and runs from 9:45-
10:45 am for 4 Sundays. This course is designed
to assist prospective member as well as new
members to learn more about our Church. This
class is taught every month by David Ness.

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

THE PASTOR'S LINK

It is always a joy to see God's hand at work. I have seen His hand move in so many ways in my call to come as your pastor. I have already shared some with you and will continue to share more as time progresses in our growing relationship. Recently our staff had fun as we became aware that even our family birth order seemed pre-ordained for us to work together in harmony as your ministry team. Birth order is often an indicator of personality traits.

I am the first born child in my family. The first born usually is the responsible caretaker. As Senior Pastor and 'Overseer' from I Timothy 3:1, my role fits the normal personality of the first born child. I am the 'big brother' to 'look after' or to use more Biblical terms, 'shepherd' those whom God has blessed me to serve and lead as a staff and congregation.

Jody is the middle child in his family. The middle child normally tries to get along with both older and younger siblings and develops peacemaking skills. Jody's role on staff is ideal to keep us on focus and balanced in discipleship as well as leading youth through their often difficult days of growth into adulthood.

Every family has the child that is born last. Charlton is the 'baby' of his family. The last child usually grows up in a more relaxed environment as older siblings help take care and nurture the baby and parents learned more about parenting so they are often more grace oriented. This child often leads others to smell the roses along the journey. Who better to minister to senior adults and lead us in the glory of worship with music? It is a perfect balance.

We laughed and joked at this discovery but also enjoy the reality and sense the joy of the hand of God placing us together as a team and church family united for His glory! We look forward to gathering to celebrate Him Sunday!

Sunday, April 26, 2009
Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

A.M. "Homework"
Matthew 28:18-20

P.M. "Walk Worthy"
Philippians 1:27-30



HANDBELL RINGERS! Remember our lunch/rehearsal this Sunday, April 26. We will go to Tony's Pizza and then rehearse at the church.

JUBILANT SINGERS will begin our Spring tour of area retirement and nursing centers on April 30. Please pray for us as we travel and minister in these places. We will sing at FBC on Sunday evening, June 3.

I will be on tour with the SC Baptist Singing Churchmen beginning Sunday evening through Tuesday evening. Pray for our safety in travel and our ministry as we sing.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Ann Bradley
 233 Laurel Meadows Dr.
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MEMORIALS**FBCWC****In loving memory of Victor Mathers**

Given by Boyd and Azalee Anderson

In loving memory of George Thompson

Given by Jean Williams

In memory of Jack Mooneyhan

Given by Becky Baston

In memory of Mertie Lee

Given by James and Barbara O'Neal, Wayne and Betty Brown, C E and Sue Harden, Marge Dickert, Dale and Don Bishop, Lake Murray Baptist Church, Diane Vinson, Thompson Funeral Home, Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Turner, Becky Baston, Drs. Katie and Kirk Baston, Kendal Turner, Catherine Holladay, Eddie and Ann Waldrop, Gerald and Linda Baker, Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn, Si and Betsy Amick, Bill and Judy Cartledge, John and Nancy Girardeau

In loving memory of Jack Montgomery

Given by Gerald and Linda Baker

FSATAT**In loving memory of Mary Carraway**

Given by La Rue Cromer

In loving memory of Mertie Lee

Given by Catherine Holladay



We will have a Vacation Bible School Workers Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:30pm. I look forward to meeting with our VBS team so we can cover all the details of rotation, expectations, and anticipations. I will also have your literature so you all will have approximately one month to prepare for your class and other responsibilities. Please mark your calendars for this event. This will be our only meeting. It will be very useful and not long and drawn out. I have always said VBS is like a well-oiled machine. As long as all the parts are working properly, it will be a success. God has richly blessed FBC in the past with great Bible Schools. I give the glory to God, but it is one of the things you all do the BEST!

We still need workers! I know that spots are filling up fast, but please see Sallie Bozard, Eunice Lee, or me if you would like to participate this year.

We will have a Sunday School Workers meeting this Sunday at 5pm in the Chapel. Our next step in understanding the purpose of Sunday Schools is called Community. We have already studied how we are to be a "class", but now we move on to a secondary purpose. Come and learn how you can transform your class into a community!

Jody



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation



Parents, I want you to know a couple of dates concerning our summer mission trip to North Greenville University. On May 20, I would like your child to turn in to me a deposit of \$50 to secure their spot on our trip. We must know by then who is actually going with us. Final payment is due on June 10. The total balance due is \$266.00. Many of the youth have already earned trip money and by June 7, I will be able to tell them how much they owe as a final balance. Church members may donate specifically to this trip or to individual youth after the May 20 date. I will be posting pictures of all our youth who will be going by then.

Pastor Bill will be our special guest teacher on May 6 in the Lighthouse. He really loves our youth and wants to visit them in their natural Wednesday night habitat. He has already related well with them and our youth are always invited to come by his office and hang out some. We will have a regular youth night with games and prayers, with Pastor Bill leading the teaching time. Don't miss this cool event!

MEMORIALS

Pure Water/Pure Love

In loving memory of Mertie Lee

Given by Annie Jeffcoat, Hope Sunday School Class, Helen Ford

IN HOME MINISTRY

In loving memory of Mertie Lee

Given by Dorothy Thompson and Mary Frances Thompson

WMU - Health Kits

In loving memory of Mertie Lee

Given by Sara Frances Watson

ANNIE ARMSTRONG MISSIONS

In loving memory of G.D. Hutto

Given by Cornelia Hutto

In memory of Mertie Lee

Given by The Gertrude Ross Bible Study Group, Joyce Crider, Mayo Bryant, Lonnie and Hazel Shull, Miriam King, Susan Morris, Brenda Hyatt, Carolyn Hite

HONORARIUM

FBCWC

ANNIE ARMSTRONG MISSIONS

In honor of Lounette Summer

Given by the New Discovery SS Class

In honor of Allison Fowler

Given by Connie Counts

Congratulations on Your New Baby!



Congratulations to Margaret Blackhurst on the arrival of a grandson, Derek John Cleveland Taylor, born Monday, April 20. Proud parents are Jennifer and Graeme Taylor.



ROSES FOR MOTHER'S DAY

One of the great traditions at First Baptist Church has been the placing of roses on Mother's Day in honor or memory of our mothers. We will make that opportunity possible again this year. Cost of roses is \$ 4.00 apiece.

You can use the form below or you can find one at the entrances to the sanctuary. Please include your payment with the form.

Number of roses _____

In honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given By _____

The deadline for ordering roses is Sunday, May 3.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
April 26 - May 2, 2009

Sunday, April 26

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Handbell Choir lunch and rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. Sunday School Workers
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Discipleship Courses
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

- 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, April 30

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

Saturday, May 2

- 9:00 a.m. CPR/AED/FIRST AID class
- Burriss Hall (until 2 p.m.)

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
April 26, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams and Angie Johnson

Twos and Threes

Richard and Dawn Kimura

GREETERS

Snyder Building

William Fallaw

Burriss Building

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

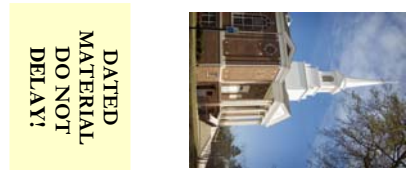
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 DELAY!

Pray for These Hospitalized Members:
 As of Tuesday, April 21, 2009

No members known to be in the hospital.

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

April 29
 Cheeseburgers
 French Fries
 Hush Puppies, Slaw
 Dessert

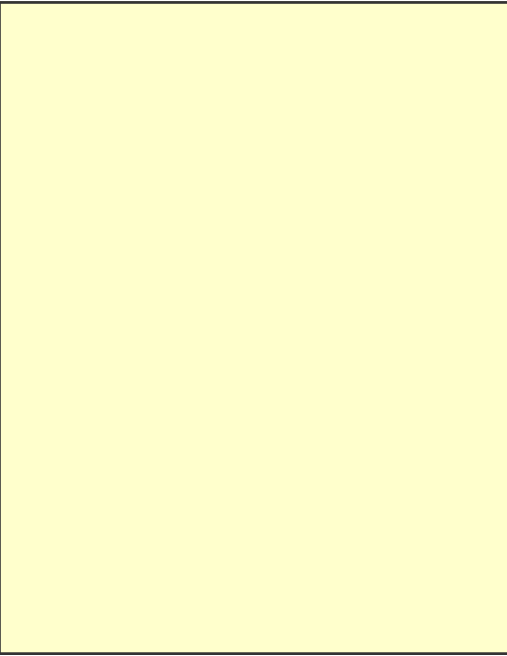
Adults (10 & up) \$5.00
 Children (5-9) \$3.00
 Children 4 & under FREE

**CPR/AED/
 First Aid Classes**
Saturday, May 2, 2009
9:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.
in Burriss Hall

The class is currently full. If you are interested in being placed on the waiting list, please contact Pat Tindal or Debra Gaulden.

Notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board near the church office:

Janie Peake
 Mrs. Kathy Smith
 The Family of Mertie Lee



Pray every day for First Baptist Church!