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**WEEK OF
PRAYER
FOR
LEXINGTON
BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION**

MAY 3-10, 2009

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Our G.A.'s IN ACTION

Our G.A.'s assembled 65 Health Packs for the Lexington Baptist Association to use to witness to needy people in our area. The packs contain a washcloth, bath towel, soap, comb, toothbrush and toothpaste.

These products were made available through your generous contributions. Thank you for helping in this important ministry.

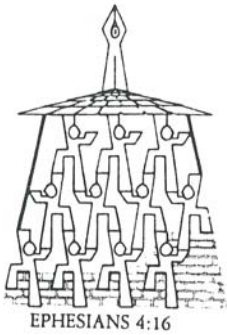
And THANK YOU, G.A.'s!

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

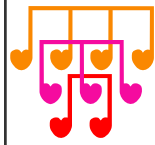
Recently I mailed a letter to the First Family members sharing the possibilities available if we will launch out and live in faith and obedience as never before. Recently, I shared in a message that too often the problem for struggling churches and believers is not that the Bible is not

true but not truly tried.

For too many years we have become accustomed to trying to do our best when God actually desires us to let go of our good efforts that fall short to completely trust, obey and follow Him and then see His hand at work in our lives and in our churches as never before. If we are to see and experience positive changes in our world or church there must first be a change in the way we think and act as the children of God as we surrender to Him in complete faith and obedience.

Romans 12:2 tells us we must be different from the world and be transformed (changed) by renewing our mind then we will be able to know God's will. We can't think or act as we always have or as the rest of the world thinks or acts and expect to know what God wants us to do. Paul also gives us an eight category check list for our standard of thoughts in Philippians 4:8 & 9; *Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

So, let us set our minds accordingly to lead us in His direction to receive and channel the overwhelming blessings of our Lord as we follow Him in complete faith and obedience.



JUBILANT SINGERS will begin our Spring tour of area retirement and nursing centers on April 30. We will present the musical "Wonder of Wonders" 14 times in the next 5 weeks. (WHEW! I'm tired already!). This choir involves seniors from at least 15 area churches. Please pray for us as we travel and minister in these places. We will sing at FBC on Sunday evening, June 3.

Sr. Adult Lunch Bunch Monday, May 4

Eastern Buffet in Lexington (Chinese and American)
Wingard's Nursery: depart at 11 - call me to sign up!

Fifty-one senior adults will be making the trip to Charleston on Saturday, May 9 to see "Amazing Grace - A Gospel Celebration" at the Charleston Music Hall. We leave at 10 am and will return around 6 pm. Please remember us as we travel!

Music and Young Musicians, remember you will sing with the Sanctuary Choir on Mother's Day, May 10.



Parking

New Parking Spaces!

We have reserved four new guest parking spaces at the front of our church. We want our guests to know they are special and deserve 'front door' treatment so they will feel at home and want to become part of our family. We ask our members to make certain to keep these spaces available for our honored guests. Thank you for helping make this small change that will make a big difference.

DEACONS, STAFF AND SPOUSES

Please place Friday, May 8 on your calendar for a gathering of Deacons, Staff and spouses to spend time in prayer and dialogue as we move forward as a ministry team. We will plan to meet in Burriss Hall at 6:30 p.m. with a brief meal and conclude at 8:30 p.m. We will use this opportunity to begin thinking of ways we can improve our ministry together. Hope to see you there!

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Bill Shipley (birthday was April 22)
Harbison Hall Apt. 110
534 Will-Stell Road

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

A.M. "Change the Way You Look at Things"
II Kings 6:8-17

P.M. "The Secret of Success"
Philippians 2:1-11



I want to let all of our folks know that we are currently producing a new outreach flyer for you to give out to friends, co-workers, neighbors, and really anywhere. It is a full color, tri-fold with pictures and all relevant church information. There is even a gospel presentation included inside written in plain, everyday language.

We want to encourage all you to pick some up from the church office. Throw them in your car, your purse, or your book bag. You never know when the perfect opportunity may come up to share one with someone. You are the missionaries.

Jesus told us that we would do even greater things than He did after He was gone. What does that mean? Well, in a nutshell, we are many, many disciples of Christ spread all over the city. Through you and I, Christ can be in 300 places at once. On earth and as a human, He was only in one place at one time. So grab some new FBC flyers and begin sharing!

Jody



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

Parents, just another reminder about our M-Fuge dates:

- May 20 \$50 deposit due to secure spot on trip
- June 6 Yard Sale Fundraiser for your child to work and earn funds
- June 10 Total balance due for the trip
- July 13-18 Camp Dates at North Greenville University

Here's a word you can trust: please contact Jody if your child wants to go with us, but is not able to afford it. We serve a great God and money is not an issue with Him. He will provide a way for your child to attend.

We will wrap up discussion on dreams this Wednesday. Jesus has a couple of more things to say to us about them and how He wants in them. Pastor Bill will be our guest teacher on May 6 because he rocks and wants to know you all better! Don't miss it. I also have our Summer Theme Song to introduce to you as well. We will play it every week starting the end of May! You guys are awesome.



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.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



Jessica Gorham
By Statement of Faith for Baptism



Jack Giraldo
By Profession of Faith for Baptism



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.



The date has not been set, but we are asking our FBC members with zoo memberships to consider donating a Free Admission Pass (or two!) to the Children's Department as we prepare to go. This will help us greatly in taking many kids and keeping the cost low! Please give them to Eunice Lee or Jody Ratcliffe. Thanks!



CONGRATULATIONS

Kristian Nichole Powell and Michael William Hall were married on Saturday, April 25 at First Baptist Church. Kristian is the daughter of Lewis and Millie Powell.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
May 3-9, 2009**

Sunday, May 3

- 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. LBA Missions Fair
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Discipleship Courses
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Monday, May 4

- 11:00 a.m. Lunch Bunch departs

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

- 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, May 7

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Friday, May 8

- 6:30 p.m. Deacons and Wives
Fellowship, Burriss Hall

Saturday, May 9

- 10:00 a.m. Sr. Adults depart for
Charleston



**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
May 3, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Nick and Jill Zueger

Twos and Threes

Larry and Anne Brown

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

James Franks



Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:

As of Tuesday,
April 28, 2009

Alleen Hyatt and Alice Ray were hospitalized during the past week, but are home now. Please remember these ladies in prayer and they continue to recover at home.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



May 6

- Chicken Tenders
- Mac & Cheese
- Breen Beans, Slaw
- Rolls & Dessert

Adults (10 & up) \$5.00

Children (5-9) \$3.00

Children 4 & under FREE



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 every day for
First Baptist Church!*