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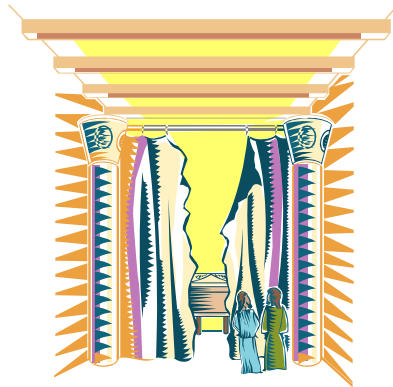
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EASTER



CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION WITH THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY



Friday, April 9 at 7:15
a.m., we will meet for a
time of worship followed
by a light breakfast.



COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE SUNDAY, APRIL 12 6:57 A.M.

Riverwalk Amphitheater
Join the West Columbia community
for this special service.

Breakfast following! See inside for details.

9:45 A.M. Bible Study
for the entire family

10:30 A.M. Flowering of the Cross
Bring some blossoms from your yard to place on the cross
on the church lawn.

11:00 A.M. Easter Worship Celebration
Joins us for a service of beautiful music and
great preaching in celebration of the Resurrection of
our Lord Jesus Christ!

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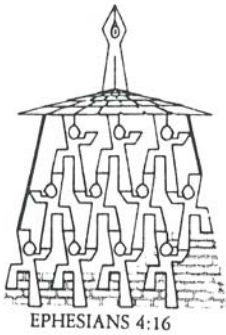
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Sunday

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
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

Last year we moved my father here to live with us as my wife and I became caretakers due to health concerns that keep him from living independently. My mother has been in heaven since 1997. Dad told me his life ended then also but he keeps waking up. He told me he moved here to die. As his attitude and situation declined recently I encouraged him by telling him, "Dad, you didn't think you would live until August. It is now March. I know that there have been tough blows that have hit our family in this sin scarred world but why not set your mind to live rather than wait to die and enjoy the day God has given you?" It has to be tough to live with a preacher!

This is really the message of Easter. God has given us a reason to live no matter what the world has thrown our way. We often think we are here in the land of the living and are headed to the land of the dying but the opposite is really true. From the moment we are born we are headed to a destination with death. We are in reality here in the land of the dying and are headed to the land of the living. This life and world is temporary. Even a life of 80 or 90 years is a blink in the reality of eternity. Set your mind and attitude to live each day to make the most of what God has given to prepare for the life that is ahead.

If you ever wished someone would do something about death be thankful, Jesus did. He put a stop to the sting of death. Easter is a celebration of the resurrection, the defeat of the power of death, sin and the grave. Set your mind to live for now and eternity with and for Christ. I look forward to seeing you as we celebrate Easter.

A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS to James and Kimberly Franks for their good work in putting together our Holy Week Devotional CD's. Your hours of labor and creativity are greatly appreciated by the church family.

Bill



What a great day of worship we enjoyed on Palm Sunday. Thanks to our children once again for leading us with your beautiful singing. You make the grown-ups sound good!

And thanks to the grown-ups too. Sanctuary Choir did a beautiful job in presenting "The Risen Christ" on Sunday evening. Thanks also to our outstanding Drama Group for their interpretations of people involved closely in the Easter story. I hope we were able to give you pause to listen and reflect on the great story that is Easter - Jesus Lives!



HANDBELLS BEGIN APRIL 19

We will be organizing for the spring, making plans to take part in an associational festival, and playing at the Riverwalk! You ringers, be ready and don't miss out!



Thursday, April 16

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Bill Drees

Come and get to know our new pastor up close and personal. This is also **PLANT SWAP** month so bring some cuttings to share with your friends, and take some new ones home!

Charlton

In Loving Memory

Mertie S. Lee

October 6, 1920 - April 4, 2009

Member since 1958



Easter Morning Country Breakfast Fundraiser

Following the Sunrise Service
Burriss Hall

Call the church office by noon on Thursday to sign up. Prices are \$6 for adults, ages 5-12 are \$3, and under age 5 is free!

Proceeds will benefit Youth Summer Mission Camp.

Sunday, April 12, 2009
Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

AM: He Is Risen! Good Surprise!
Matthew 28:1-8

P.M. NO EVENING SERVICE



Hallo Mates! I want to introduce our VBS Leaders to you for this year's



best VBS ever! Sallie Bozard is our Pre-school Director and Eunice Lee is our Children's Director. Both of these ladies have years of experience working with their respective age groups and adult leaders. Right this very minute, we need to recruit this year's teachers and leaders for VBS. Here are the areas of service we have this year:

Teachers:

- Babies-Age 2 Ages 3-4 Age 5
- Grades 1-2 Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6
- Craft Room Snack Time

I also need folks to volunteer to prepare a worker's meal each day. VBS is a church-wide event and we will need everyone participating, and I mean everyone! It is the most exciting week of the year for our children! Join us this year. Please contact me, Sallie, or Eunice to claim an assignment.

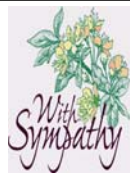
We will be attending a VBS Training on Tuesday, April 14 for all workers. Please plan on going. Very experienced workers will be conducting this and there is something for all of us



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

Fee is \$40.00 for all classes
 or \$24.00 for CPR class only.

Children's workers and disaster relief volunteers are encouraged to attend.



*The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend heartfelt love and Christian Sympathy to...
 the family of Mertie S. Lee*



National Goal:
\$65 million
FBC GOAL:
\$4,000
Received to date:
\$ 3,822.00



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation



Wednesday, April 22 6 - 8 pm

OHHH YEEEEAH! Some of the biggest dudes you have ever seen are coming to our area. These guys break all kinds of stuff with their heads and hands. They are called Team Impact. They are all former strongmen, NFL players, and Professional Wrestlers. They all have one thing in common (other than large biceps). All are Christian men and they are coming to not only show us their power but display the real power of Christ through their stories of faith. There is no cost involved and I really want you to bring your friends who are non-Christians. Think about one person you could invite. It will be a fun spectacle and a meaningful message.

This Sunday!

Please be present directly after the Sunrise Service in Burriss Hall for our next fundraiser. We will help serve breakfast and clean up. If you work, then you will receive a portion of the proceeds towards your trip. M-Fuge is in July and I believe this summer camp may just change your life! Don't miss Sunday's chance to earn some money and offset the cost.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Rubye Smith (birthday is April 12)
 319 Watting Road West Columbia, SC 29170
 794-0474



**PENNIES FOR
 PURE WATER.
 PURE LOVE**

For their Spring Mission Project, our G.A.'s will be collecting pennies in water bottles to benefit this special project of the WMU..

So is you have any spare pennies, the G.A.'s would love to have them to help fill their bottles. Collect them and give them to any of our G.A.'s

P.S. Nickels and dimes (even dollar bills) will fit in the bottles too.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
April 12-18, 2009

Sunday, April 12 *EASTER SUNDAY*

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at Riverwalk Amphitheater
- 8:00 p.m. Youth Fund-raising Breakfast
- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:40 a.m. Flowering of the Cross
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 No Evening Activities

Tuesday, April 14

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Group
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Clinic,
 Lexington Baptist Church
- 7:00 p.m. Martha Hawthorne Group

Wednesday, April 15

- 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 16

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Best Yet to Come

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
April 12, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Frances Watson, Betty Noell

Twos and Threes

Jannas and Hannah Matthews
 Debra Williams, floater

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ann & Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level

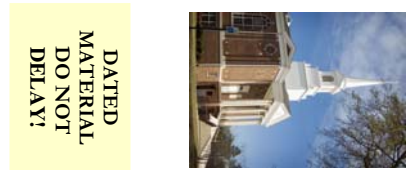
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**DATED
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 DO NOT
 DELAY!**

Pray for These Hospitalized Members:
 As of Tuesday, April 7, 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 15
 BBQ Chicken
 Hash & Rice
 Slaw
 Rolls and Dessert

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

We're on the Web!
www.fbcwc.com

TAKE NOTE!!!
 The church office will be closed on Friday, April 10

Finance Committee will meet Sunday, April 19 at 4 p.m.

Deacons will meet Sunday, April 19 at 5 p.m.

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.