



First Baptist Church West Columbia

Tie-Binder

Located at State Street and B Avenue

400 State Street– West Columbia, SC 29169 --- (Mailing: P O Box 4898, West Columbia, SC 29171)
Phone (803)-791-0700 First Family Line: (803) 791-1747 ext. 7 Fax: (803)791-1782 <http://www.fbcwc.com>

December 7, 2009

VOLUME 44, No. 48

“Glorious Impossible”

Featuring the songs and carols of
Keith and Kristyn Getty, Michael W. Smith,
Stuart Townsend and Babbie Mason

presented by

The Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, December 13 at 11:00 a.m.



“The Promise of a King”

presented by

the Children’s Choirs of First Baptist Church
Sunday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m.

**A Churchwide Christmas Fellowship will follow
evening worship in Burriss Hall.**

Bring your favorite finger food and join us!
Invite someone to come with you. Music and “goodies”
are great reasons to invite someone to church! Try it!

DR. BILL DREES
SENIOR PASTOR
bill@fbcwc.com

REV. CHARLTON BOZARD
MUSIC/ADULT ACTIVITIES
charlton@fbcwc.com

REV. JODY RATCLIFFE
YOUTH/EDUCATION
jody@fbcwc.com

DR. LONNIE SHULL
PASTOR EMERITUS



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Ministry	2-3
2010 Budget	2
Memorials	3
Café Connection	3
New Member	3
Vital Signs	4

REGULAR SCHEDULE

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
Youth Worship
- 7:00 pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday

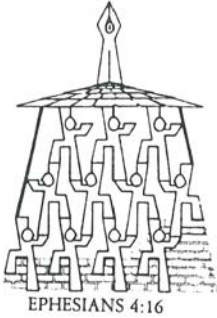
- 5:30 pm Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 pm Library open
Children’s Choirs
LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Young Professionals
- 6:45 pm Children’s Mission
Groups
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

CALLING ALL KIDS

All our children are invited to join us this Saturday, Dec. 12, for a full day of fun. Those who sing in the children's choirs need to be at the church at 11:00 AM for a rehearsal. All others are invited to join us at 11:30 for a story time in our church library followed by pizza for lunch. We will then travel to Fox Tree Farm in Lexington for our annual hayride. Children of all ages are invited, but those under 3 must bring an adult. Children can be picked up at 4:00 PM from the church playground. You may also choose to join us at the tree farm if this is more convenient. Contact Charlton for directions.

Lights Before Christmas at Riverbanks Zoo

Tuesday, December 22 4:30-8:30 p.m. K-5 through 6th grade
Cost: \$3 per child Pizza Supper included
Call the church office to sign up.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

I was asked by our Archives Committee to provide a list of the accomplishments for the first nine months of my serving as pastor of FBCWC. I appreciate and understand the importance of history as they record accomplishments under the tenure of each pastor,

however I must admit it is a difficult personal task for me. I purposely seek to follow the example of Jesus in John 13 as a humble servant as my model for pastoral leadership. That is why, two weeks ago, I proclaimed from the pulpit; ***"I am not concerned about you supporting the pastor. I am more concerned about you following Jesus. I am going to follow Him and lead you to follow Him. If we both follow Him we are supporting the same cause and we will do fine."*** I also just published **My Philosophy of Ministry**, which leads us to understand that any accomplishment that is lasting will be Spirit-led more than pastor driven.

I am not one to list things because any of the 'accomplishments' have been by us as a body. However, as I was asked to provide a list of **OUR** accomplishments in the last nine months I thought it would be worth sharing with you. Here are a few things **WE** have done; baptized 12 people, with 9 other additions, adopted anew constitution, a new deacon election process, a guidebook for committees, a financial policies handbook and established Childhood Protection Policies. All of these are things that we have accomplished as a body in the last nine months. However, there is one accomplishment which I hope you may understand and forgive a personal fondness, is an attitude that we will always look to God's word for our guidance rather than tradition or the wisdom of any person. This was verified as I was told of a conversation from a Men's Sunday School Class as follows, ***"If you ask Pastor Bill, 'What time is it?' He won't look at his watch, he will say, 'Let's see what the Bible says!'"*** I couldn't be more pleased!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The proposed budget for the 2010 church year will be distributed to church members at the close of worship this Sunday, December 13, 2009. It will be discussed and voted on in Church Conference on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Please attend this important meeting.

All contributions for the end of year 2009 must be submitted no later than Sunday, December 27, 2009. Contributions received after 12/27/2009 will be counted for the 2010 tax year.



Plan to join us for morning and evening worship this Sunday, December 13. You see our programs listed on the front page. Be in prayer for our choirs as we share the good news of Jesus' birth with our church family.

We will have a **Christmas Fellowship** following the Children's Choirs' program. Bring some of your favorite finger foods to share!

Choirs, remember your rehearsal schedule for Saturday, December 12. Sanctuary Choir will meet at 9:30 a.m. Children's Choirs will meet at 11:00 a.m.



Thursday, December 17
11:00 a.m.

JUBILANT SINGERS

present

"THE CHRISTMAS STORY"

I hope you will join us for this special Christmas program. We will meet **IN THE SANCTUARY** for the program and then move to Burriss Hall for lunch. Don't miss this special time of music and worship!

FIRST FAMILY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 20 at 6 p.m.

This is shaping up to be a good program. My list of participants continues to grow. If you have something you would like to share with our church family, let me know!

CHRISTMAS LIGHT LOOKING

Monday, December 21

We will make our annual run to see what's pretty this year and wind up at the Bozard house for goodies.

We will leave at 5:30. Contact me to sign up.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Mary Branham (birthday is Dec. 11)

1213 Jensen St.

West Columbia, SC 29169-6409

Edna Hammett (birthday is Dec. 14)

Carolina Health and Rehab

Room 314 Bed 1

2451 Forest Drive

Columbia, SC 29204-2026



This past Friday, I had a wonderful dinner with our young married couples. I had the opportunity to host a small forum and hear directly from their hearts about their outlook on our church and their hope for the

future. I learned many new things from them and we will be able to minister to their needs better now. These young families are precious. I want you to begin praying for them today. It is a challenge to raise young children, work a demanding job, and tend to the needs of your marriage and own spirit. I challenged them in light of all this to maintain an evangelistic mindset and grow God's church.

We are discussing plans to attend a Marriage Retreat Weekend in February. Melanie and I have been twice to this marriage retreat and would like to take our young married couples. It is costly to go and I would like to ask our church family to consider sponsoring a young married couple. I know you believe in the future of our church and these couples simply are our future. Would you consider giving to help reduce their cost of attending? The total cost to send a couple would be around \$330.00. This includes Conference fees, workbooks, and lodging for the entire weekend. Just pray about what part you may be able to play in strengthening marriage within our church.

Café Connection



The Cafe' Connection Christmas party will be December 15th from 6:30 - until, at the home of Allison Fowler. Bring

a favorite finger food or dessert! Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor for more information.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

I want to thank the individuals who have donated funds and clothing towards our Blanket Ministry Day for the Homeless. Our teenagers are looking forward to sharing their faith and passing out food packets this Sunday. Please pray for us as we minister. I would like to ask you to pray for our youth to accept the challenges of Christianity. I am seeking to prepare them for the real trials of life. We want them to hold tightly to their faith as life swiftly changes around them. Pray that I would receive wisdom from God to lead them into courage and holiness.

This year, our teenagers will be celebrating 2009 in style. We are going to be having dinner together at Olive Garden next Wednesday. We will be celebrating Christ at Christmas and celebrating all the wonderful things God has done within our youth group this year. We have seen many come to new faith in Christ and many disciplined properly. Thank you for the parts you play in their lives each week. I want to remind our teens to dress nicely for the dinner and bring a gift of \$10 value.

It is a privilege to serve within the capacity you have called me to. Each day I am thankful to be working and worshipping at FBC. We have many new roads ahead of us and many new lives to see transformed by Christ. Let's walk this road together for God's glory.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Michael Hall

(Michael is married to Kristian Powell Hall) for rededication and Believer's Baptism

*In Loving Memory
Nina Blanks*

November 5, 1925 - December 1, 2009

The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend our heartfelt love and Christian sympathy to the family of Mrs. Blanks.

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In loving memory of Ethel (Doll) Crapps
by Blanche Lybrand, Irene Snelgrove,
Kenneth and Renee Snelgrove,

In loving memory of Ann McKnight
and Esther Mooneyhan
by Alice Godfrey

FSATAT

In loving memory of Willard Neal
Given by Florina Neal

In loving memory of Doll Crapps
by Dr. & Mrs. Lonnie Shull
Sara Frances Watson

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

In loving memory of Ethel (Doll) Crapps
Given by Joyce Crider

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
December 13-19, 2009

Sunday, December 13

- 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
 Sanctuary Choir presents
 "Glorious Impossible"
- 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 Children's Choirs present
 "The Promise of a King"

Tuesday, December 15

- 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. Café Connection Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 16

- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
 Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
 Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 17

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



as of Monday, December 7
 No members of First Baptist Church
 were known to be hospitalized.



A few wish lists remain on the table for our friends at Hope Bridge. Pick yours up Sunday! Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 20.

Pray every day for First Baptist Church!

TIE-BINDER
 First Baptist Church
 P O Box 4898
 West Columbia, SC 29171

Postmaster:
 Send change of address to:
 First Baptist Church
 P O Box 4898
 West Columbia, S.C. 29171
 Pub. No. 617460
 Published weekly except
 one week July and one week
 December Periodicals Postage
 paid at West Columbia, SC
 29169



**DATED
 MATERIAL
 DO NOT
 DELAY!**

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
December 13, 2009

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Wanda Gunter

Twos and Threes
 Richard and Dawn Kimura

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Gerald Baker

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
 Sallie Bozard

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building
 Gerry Berry,
 Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level
 Jack and Virginia Hill

SOUND

James Franks

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



December 16
 Fried Chicken
 Potato Salad
 Corn
 Rolls & Dessert

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

Children 4 & under FREE
 Reservations are necessary.

Forms are available at sanctuary entrances
 and in registration booklets.
 Deadline to sign up or cancel
 reservations is noon on Monday.

**WHO'S
 WHOSE MISSING?
 MISSION?**

Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering
 FBCWC Goal - \$8000
 Received to date -
 \$ 3,119.55