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**PRAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND
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M-FUGE
AT NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY
JULY 13-18**

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SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING REVISED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The Polity Committee has completed work on a revised Constitution. According to the existing Constitution, notice of this has been given and copies made available. They will also be available this Sunday, July 12 or you may pick one up in the church office.

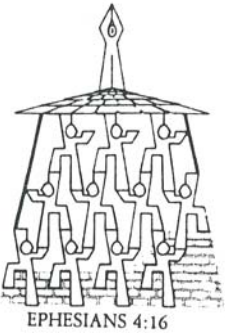
The Polity Committee will present the revised Constitution for discussion and a vote at the Church Conference on July 15.

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
6:00 pm Library open
LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



THE PASTOR'S LINK

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention produced few major headlines but there was one report that should get our attention. 89% of our churches are either just hanging on or are declining. Jesus established His church that the Gates of Hades would not prevail and if we don't see 9 of 10 struggling or declining as a major warning light then we are already too far gone! What is going on here? There have been study groups to research the matter and will certainly be more but the problem always comes down to a matter of obedience. We simply are not doing what He established the church to do.

Jesus did not establish a religious institution or organization but a called out assembly for His purpose; to be His witnesses and make disciples of all people. He simply told us to do this by immersing people in the total personhood of God teaching them to obey all He commanded. We complicate that simple eternal command and create religious organizations and institutions. We try to do things the best way we know how hoping to please God and make it work for Him. Well, it ain't working! When 9 of 10 show up struggling or failing it may be time to get back to basics.

Since March 1 you and I have been having fun and growing in our relationship as pastor and people (I think it is fun to walk in the Spirit). Next Sunday, I want to enter into a new phase of relationship with you. I will preach and share a covenant with you as your pastor. The covenant relationship is one that is all through the Bible. God made a covenant with Adam, Noah, Abram, etc. and then Jesus entered into a new covenant relationship with us that gave us eternal salvation. I realize it is summer and many have summer getaway times planned. However, I want to encourage you to make every effort to be present as we are moving into a new relationship that I believe can move us to become one of the 10% that is growing and making disciples as our Lord commanded. Look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Bill

Sunday, July 12, 2009
Sermon Topics Dr. Bill Drees

A.M. "A Covenant Relationship"
Genesis 15

**P.M. "Do Everything Without Complaining
 or Arguing"**
Philippians 2:12-18



Thanks to our Sanctuary Choir and Dina Taylor for leading us so beautifully in our patriotic celebration this past Sunday. Your music was worshipful and uplifting! You are the best!

We had a great time at Ridgecrest for Church Music Week. The temperature stayed about 70 degrees the whole week (what a blessing). The classes, worship, and visiting with friends in ministry were a blessing as well. Thank you for the opportunity to take part in this week. Thanks also to Phyllis Johnson for filling in so capably in my absence.



SUPER SUMMER SENIOR TRIP

Thursday, July 16
Social Circle, Georgia
Lunch at the Blue Willow Inn
Departure time: 8:00 a.m.
(no biscuit stop this time!)

There is still room. Call me if you would like to go. Cost: \$59

We are having a great time with our kids at our Summer Music Activity each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. If you're in town, join us! We'd love to have you join in the fun!

Charlton

Congratulations
 on Your
New Baby!



CONGRATULATIONS
 to **Joey and Melissa George**
 on the arrival of
Cross Adler George
 born Monday, June 29, 2009



*The First Baptist Church Family
 and staff extend our heartfelt
 love and Christian sympathy to:*
 Edna Hammett, Frances Frye, and
 family in the loss of their loved one,
 Ben Hammett

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Esther Mooneyhan (birthday is July 18)
 National Health Care Room 208-A
 2993 Sunset Blvd.
 West Columbia, SC 29169
 796-5155



This week, our two newest mission teams will have their first events.

The Prayerwalking and Survey Team will meet in the Lighthouse at 2pm on Saturday. We will be

meeting neighbors and spreading the news about our church as we prayerwalk. The event is from 2pm -4pm. Many have signed up, but you can still join us. Just come on Saturday. I will train the teams before we depart for outreach.

The Riverwalk Water Bottle Team will meet in the Lighthouse at 2pm on Sunday. We will be handing out free water and church brochures for a couple of hours. The event is from 2pm-4pm. Don't miss this chance to meet lots of people and shine for Christ. Training will be first and then we will head out for outreach.

Many of you truly wish you could be on these teams, but health issues prevent you. We understand and we will ask that you pray for our efforts to reach our community. We know we can count on so many of you to be with us in heart and spirit.

Jody



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Our M-Fuge Team will be commissioned on Sunday morning. I believe that this team is poised to make a difference in the lives of many people in the Greenville area. I am proud of our team for earning their money, attending church and youth activities consistently, and accepting the challenge every day to live for Christ in a world of negative peer pressure. I want you to be proud of them also. God has special plans for each one of them. I am thankful to be their Minister of Youth!

Michael Cavalear is at his half-way point this week. He has done a great job his first half challenging the teenagers to live for Christ. I am excited about what this next half will look like. Michael has a great amount of passion to see our teens be devoted to Jesus.

D-Days (Devotional Days)

Each Tuesday and Wednesday in July we are personally training youth in spiritual disciplines, holiness, and witnessing techniques. This week, Mike and I are sharing how to walk with Jesus daily. We will share with them the tools we use in our own spiritual journeys. We look forward to pouring our lives into their lives in July. Parents, get your Christian teen to the Lighthouse on D-Days!



Michael's View

Be in prayer throughout this whole week and into Sunday about the students who feel led to travel to North Greenville for M-FUGE camp. These students will be working very hard and some

of these students already feel called to go into some form of ministry one day. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them next week and I will give the First Family an update when we get back on how God has blessed the week of July 13-18.

May our Lord Jesus Christ be praised!!!

God Bless,
Michael
 Rom. 12:2



If you haven't seen the pictures from Vacation Bible School yet, visit our website soon to see pictures from this great week.

You can also see pictures from our children's recent trip to the Riverbanks Zoo.

Pastor Bill Drees' sermons are posted weekly as well for you to listen to again or invite a friend to hear. You can also to subscribe to receive the Tie Binder by email.

We encourage you to make use of this ministry tool!
www.fbcwc.com

Children's Workers Needed



It is wonderful to see new friends joining us in worship. We want to provide the highest quality of care in Extended Session when these new friends have little ones. New volunteers are needed for this vital ministry of our church. No matter how good the sermon is or how beautiful the music or even how welcome newcomers feel, parents need to feel confident that their children are well cared for. If you would like to join us in this front-line ministry, please contact Sallie Bozard.

Helpers are also needed in our Kid's Worship ministry each Sunday morning. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, contact Jody Ratcliffe or Jennifer Meador.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
July 12-18, 2009

Sunday, July 12

- 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
- 2:00 p.m. River Walk Team
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, July 13

- 11:00 a.m. Youth depart for M-Fuge

Tuesday, July 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
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, July 15

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
- Church Conference
- Children's Music Activity

Thursday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Seniors depart for Blue Willow Inn
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Saturday, July 18

- 2:00 p.m. Martha Hawthorne Group at Twilite Manor
- 2:00 p.m. M-Fuge Team Returns

MEMORIALS

IN HOME MINISTRY

In loving memory of George Thompson, Van Thompson, and Pete Mizell
 by Dorothy and Mary Frances Thompson

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In loving memory of J. Albert Branham
 by Mary Branham and Jim Branham

In loving memory of Rodney C Summers
 by R. Steve Summers

In loving memory of Mr. Burley Schultz
 by Mrs. Louise Schultz

HONORARIUM

JANIE CHAPMAN MISSIONS
In honor of Laverne Grooms and Jean Williams
 by New Discovery Class

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
July 12, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sarah Frances Watson, Betty Noell

Twos and Threes

Dawn and Richard Kimura

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Mike and Ann Jeffcoat

Burriss Building

Gerry Berry
 Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level

Virginia and Jack Hill

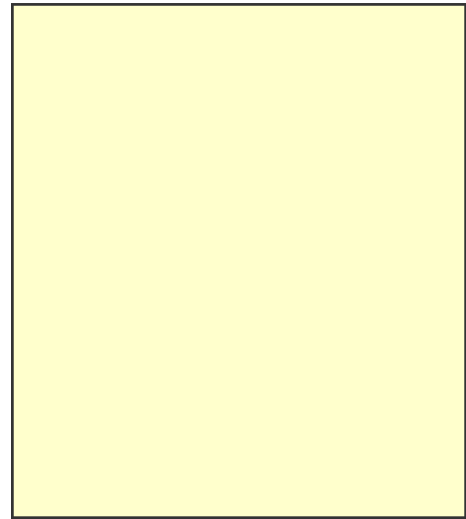
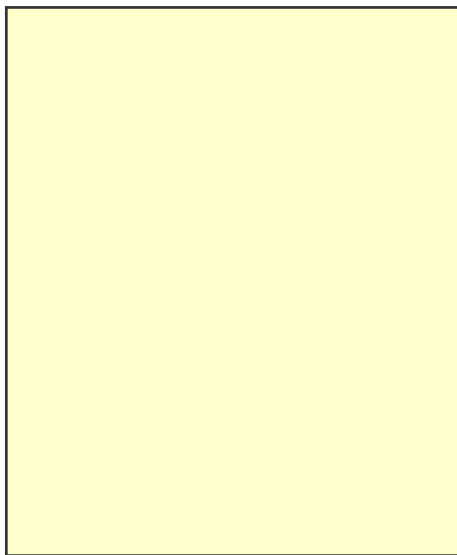
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Hospital Update
 as of Monday, July 6

Providence Hospital
 John Chapman

Palmetto Richland Heart Hospital
 Kay Horton

Palmetto Richland Children's Hospital
 Cross George

DON'T TAKE A VACATION FROM CHURCH