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Special Events Coming This Month at First Baptist Church

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PASTOR EMERITUS

GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY



We will be honoring our graduates 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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WORSHIP AT THE RIVER



He is
like a
tree
planted
by
streams
of water.
Psalm 1:3

Sunday, May 24

River Walk Amphitheater 6 p.m.

This year, we will join with Broadacres and Green Hill Baptist Churches for this special service. Choirs and Handbell Choirs from all three churches will provide music.

Dr. Bill Drees will bring a message.

FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARD IN BURRISS HALL

Bring your favorite snack or drink and join us in a time of fellowship with our sister churches.

PASTOR'S FORUM MAY 31

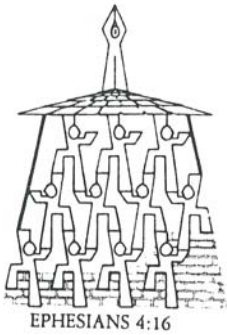
Every quarter we gather as a church family for a special time around the table to share a 5th Sunday covered dish fellowship. We want to extend a special invitation to our First Family on May 31 as we will include a Pastor's Forum with this special time. A forum is simply a public discussion involving audience discussion. This will be a unique time to share any topic on your heart with the pastor in an informal setting and discuss plans and dreams for the future of First Baptist Church. We hope you will plan to join us as a church family in this special time.

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

I want to express my gratitude for your response to my recent letter illustrating how we can see results beyond our expectations when we obey God by faith.

First, we began the month of May with our best offering since I have been your pastor. Thank

you for your positive response. As we continue to respond in faith and obedience God will continue to bless us. It is always a joy to see God's people respond to him in faith and obedience.

Second, I asked the church to begin a deliberate campaign of prayer for Spiritual movement, Spiritual awakening and Spiritual renewal. Thank you for your prayers as God has started to move in our midst answering this triune prayer petition. When people contact us by a number in the phone book or from our website as they seek to have God make a difference in their life, this is a result of prayer. Last week I had someone call to ask if they could come to talk about giving their life to God. We set a time to get together. They called back and could not wait. They came four hours early to allow me to lead them to a life-changing commitment to Christ. Just this weekend I had someone call my cell phone to ask how they could join our church. These events are not something that can be explained by a human plan or strategy.

God is dealing with lives calling people to live by the Spirit rather than the old ways of the flesh. God is moving in our midst as he responds to our prayers for Spiritual movement, awakening and renewal. Thank you for your continual prayers and faithfulness. I look forward to see what He has in store for us next as we continue to move forward in faith, obedience and prayer!

Bill

Sunday, May 17, 2009

Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

**A.M. "Change!!!"
Matthew 4:17**

**P.M. "Finish the Work of Salvation"
Philippians 2:12-15**



THANKS to our Music Makers and Young Musicians for making beautiful music with our Sanctuary Choir last Sunday. You added a lot to our worship.

Our Children's Choirs (and mission activities, as well as supper) will end on May 27. The children will sing on Sunday morning, May 31 to end our choir year!



**HANDBELL CHOIR
Sunday at 7:00 p.m.**

We are playing at the service at the river on May 24.



**Thursday, May 21
11 a.m.**

**Music by the
Ken Clubb Singers**

This will be our last meeting until the fall. Come join us.

Charlton

*In Loving Memory
Cecile Crapps*

December 23, 1916 - May 11, 2009

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



**VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL**

JUNE 14-18

6:15-8:30 PM

**WORKERS MEETING
Tuesday, May 19 6:30 p.m.**

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Nina Blanks
Harbison Hall Apt. 118
534 Will-Stell Road
Columbia, SC 29210-3967
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"You've got to want it." I am convinced that moving forward as a church, personal spiritual growth, and seeing new people come to Christ hinges on this. These things do not happen apart from our sacrificial involvement and our meaningful heartfelt passion to see them happen. In your heart of hearts, you have got to want these things.

When you do want these things, you will find yourself doing whatever it takes to see them become a reality. You will also find yourself praying like never before. What God wants in all of this is you knowing Him in a more personal way. At the end of our goals, we will always find Him.

How bad do you want it? What do you need to do in your life to see these goals become reality? Your pastors are praying for you right now and cheering you on!

Jody



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Uber Summer Lock-In
May 29 7pm-8am

It's on! We will be going to The Plex at Sandhills. Huge Inflatables, Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Arcade, and Rock Band all night long.

Sign up now.

We need to take at least 25 teenagers so get your friends on board. I am doing this during the school year this year because the school is your mission field so get the word out.

Special guests:
 Hagood Avenue Church, Barnwell
 (Ryan Wright's group)
 and First Church Batesburg
 (Neal Smith's group).

Cost is \$25 plus whatever you want from the snack bar all night long.

Parents, **YES**, your youth leaders are crazy, but crazy in love with your teenagers.



Youth Mission
Trip
Fundraiser
Saturday,
June 6

This is the final fundraiser for our Youth Mission Fuge trip this summer. Please check around your house for items you could donate for the sale. Look for things you might have but no longer use that you could donate. Tools, small appliances, exercise equipment, decorator items, jewelry, books, vintage items, furniture, even plants would all be great. (No adult clothes please, just gently used infants and children's items.)

We would also like to sell **BAKED GOODS!** If you would donate a cake or a batch of cookies, please let Jody know!

Bring your donations to Burriss Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on June 3rd, 4th, or 5th.

Contact Jody Ratcliffe if you have any questions.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS
May 3, 2009



Jessica Shappell
By Profession of Faith
for Baptism



Taylor Buytas
By Profession of Faith
for Baptism

MEMORIAL
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In loving memory of Mertie Lee
 by Mary Jo Craft Troxell, Employees of Palmetto Health and Finance Reimbursements Dept.

HONORARIUM
FBCWC

In honor of Eula Chalk
 by Connie Counts

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
May 17-23, 2009**

Sunday, May 17

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Polity Committee
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
Nominating Committee
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Discipleship Courses
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Tuesday, May 19

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. VBS Workers Meeting

Wednesday, May 20

- 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
Church Conference
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's,
Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, May 21

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

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
May 17, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY**

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Dorothy Thompson, Carol McKay

Twos and Threes

Debra Williams, Wanda Gunter

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Dorothy Thompson, Ruby Clamp

Burriss Building

Jim Shealy

Front Lower Level

Andrew and Collette Hutto

SOUND

James Franks

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MATERIAL
DO NOT
DELAY!**



Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:
As of Tuesday,
May 12, 2009

No church members are
known to be in the hospital
Recuperating at home:
Lillian Jeffcoat
Alice Ray

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



May 20
Roast Beef
Rice and Gravy
Green Beans
Rolls & Dessert

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



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

Thanks to everyone who
placed a rose in the church
for Mother's Day.
168 roses were given in
honor and memory of our
mothers.



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!*