



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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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

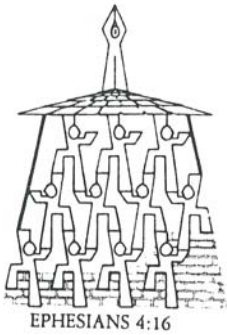
Every quarter we gather as a church family for a special time around the table to share a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday covered dish fellowship. We want to extend a special invitation to our First Family on May 31 as we will include a Pastor's Forum with this special time. A forum is simply a public discussion 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*



**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.**

**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**

**HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK**

Nina Blanks  
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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**  
**FBCWC**

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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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!*