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## Sunday, May 10 is MOTHER'S DAY

Come worship with us!

*“Honor ... your  
mother, as  
the LORD  
your God  
has  
commanded  
you ....”*



*Deuteronomy 5:16*

Over 150 roses given in honor and  
memory of our mothers will be  
displayed on the Lord's Table.  
There will be no evening activities.

***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!***

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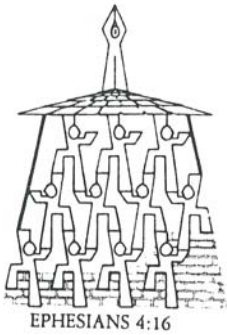
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#### Sunday

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

It is time to stop going to church! "WHAT? Has the new guy lost it? Didn't we call a new preacher to get people to come to church?"

Well, not really. You called a new preacher as the Holy Spirit led but that is another article.

Today I want to talk about BEING the church rather than coming to church. This is not about semantics but theology. 1 Corinthians 6:19 teaches us that our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God. Once we become Christians, we are not our own. We are God's servants, missionaries and His church. That is what Jesus established in Matthew 16 that the gates of Hades would not overcome. That church was not a building, institution, denomination, organization or place to which someone could 'come'. Rather it was (and still is) a called assembly for action.

So when we gather as the body of Christ (remember the logo in the upper left-hand corner) it is for His action, to glorify God and make disciples. When we scatter, into our mission fields (where we work, play and live daily) we are to conduct ourselves in such a way that people see Christ and are drawn to him as we make disciples in our daily life.

So, changing our vocabulary helps change our theology. We stop thinking about 'coming' to church and **acting a certain way at a certain time**. We **ARE** the church **all the time wherever we go!** Our behavior **must** honor Christ **all** the time! We 'gather' as the body of Christ to worship, fellowship, disciple, and pray together. We scatter to be the church and obediently make disciples daily. I look forward to seeing you the next time we gather!

*Bill*

**Sunday, May 10, 2009**  
**Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees**

**A.M. "Jesus Saw His Mother"**  
**John 19:25-27**

**P.M. No Services**

## HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Martha Leaphart (birthday is May 7)  
1104 D Avenue  
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Fifty-one senior adults will be making the trip to Charleston on Saturday, May 9 to see "Amazing Grace - A Gospel Celebration" at the Charleston Music Hall. We leave at 10 am and will return between 6 and 7 pm. Please remember us as we travel!

**Music Makers and Young Musicians**, remember you will sing with the Sanctuary Choir on Mother's Day, May 10. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 to rehearse. Call me if you have questions.



**HANDBELL CHOIR** will play at the service at the river on May 24. Our next rehearsal (and last one before this event) will be May 17 at 7 pm. Do your best not to miss it!



Remember the **JUBILANT SINGERS** in prayer during the month of May. We are singing "Wonder of Wonders" 15 times this month!

Singing His Praises!

*Charlton*

## DEACONS, STAFF AND SPOUSES

Please place Friday, May 8 on your calendar for a gathering of Deacons, Staff and spouses to spend time in prayer and dialogue as we move forward as a ministry team. We will plan to meet in Burriss Hall at 6:30 p.m. with a brief meal and conclude at 8:30 p.m. We will use this opportunity to begin thinking of ways we can improve our ministry together. Hope to see you there!



The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend heartfelt love and Christian Sympathy to...

.... Tim and Gloria Shull in the loss of her mother, Betty Saxon. Tim is pastor of River Springs Church, a mission established by First Baptist.



*Thank You*

...to Genevieve Shampy for the beautiful flowers planted in front of the church;  
...to Mr. Morris Gibson of Midlands Tech for the mulch  
...to John Matthews for taking such good care of our lawn areas.



I hope that we are all being challenged with our Pastor's re-occurring theme in his sermons and his conversations. We must be mission-minded disciples. Just today, after having breakfast with my wife (Monday was our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary), our waitress wanted to know what made our marriage strong. We gave her some sound, biblical advice and then invited her to come worship and learn with us at FBC. We took advantage of the God-given opportunity to share how Christ has blessed our marriage and how she too can find strength in Him. Be on the lookout for these small, but life-impacting "God moments" in your everyday life. Being in God's word daily and praying like it is regular conversation will make you more aware of these moments when they occur. You must make your spirit sensitive when His Spirit is at work close to you! You will develop a radar-type talent to the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Summer is almost here and I am personally looking forward to some planned outreach I have drawn up for us to do together. We are still looking to impact our community and along with Pastor Bill's guidance, we will be bringing these plans to you soon. God is going to amaze us with what He can do through us!

*Jody*



**Lighthouse Student Ministries  
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation**

God has been at work in the hearts of many teenagers during this school year. I have asked you to pray specifically for them to receive salvation from Him. We can see right now how gracious God is to our teens and how much your prayers have been answered. This is not unlike revival and it is specifically hitting our teenagers. We now have seen 5 teenagers publically proclaim Christ and they are going to follow Him in baptism very soon. I am amazed at our Lord, but was expectant of this for some time now. I could sense He was leading them for some time now. Now, pray for them more that they would be grounded in their new faith. Pray for me and my leaders that we can mentor and teach them properly. Pray also for more to respond to God's call. We have LOTS of work to do to play a major role in discipling these youth.

Michael Cavalear is going to begin his duties as our Summer Intern on May 24. Michael is coming at a critical time to assist in the spiritual development of these teenagers. Michael is a product of our youth program, serving here from 2001-2006. His parents are Tom and Cindy Cavalear, faithful members from 2001-2007. Michael has finished up his junior year at North Greenville University and serves the Lord with many talents. He will have a great load to bear as the Lord develops him. We are thankful for the Lord providing us with Michael.

**REMINDER TO THE CLASS OF 2009!**

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.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

to Martin and Miriam Brown on the arrival of **three** great grandchildren in April - a girl born April 15 (who is also the great granddaughter of Edna Hammett) and twin grandsons born April 30.



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

**WORSHIP AT THE RIVER**

**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.**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE  
May 10-16, 2009**

*Sunday, May 10* *Mother's Day*

- 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
- No Evening Activities

*Tuesday, May 12*

- 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, May 13*

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

*Thursday, May 7*

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
May 10, 2009**

**HEALTH MINISTRY**

Brenda Brown

**EXT. TEACHING CARE**

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

*Babies and Ones*

Sara Frances Watson and Beatty Noell

*Twos and Threes*

Jannas and Hannah Matthews

**GREETERS**

**Snyder Building**

Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

**Burriss Building**

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

**Front Lower Level**

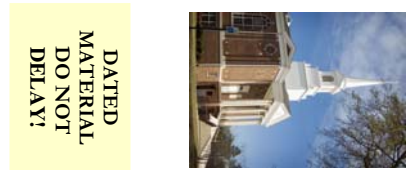
Virginia and Jack Hill

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**DATED  
MATERIAL  
DO NOT  
DELAY!**

**Palmetto Baptist**  
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 13**  
BBQ Sandwich  
Baked Beans  
Slaw  
Rolls & Dessert

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

**ATTENTION!  
PARENTS  
OF G.A.'S**

Any parents interested in their daughters attending GA camp are invited to a meeting in the GA room on Wednesday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to confirm camp dates and room mates. If you missed the meeting or need more information, contact Julie Barfield or Cheryl Simpson.

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!*