



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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“BUILDING BETTER DISCIPLES” SUNDAY EVENING AT 6 P.M.



Join us Sunday evenings in November as we focus on making stronger our skills in evangelism and personal discipleship. These studies are being provided as the church body has requested. We partner with you in leading this emphasis. This training will be easily integrated into our regular Sunday evening worship time at 6pm.

November 8 “RELATIONAL EVANGELISM TECHNIQUES”

UPCOMING WEEKS WILL BE:

November 15 “LEADING SOMEONE TO CHRIST”

November 22 “WITNESSING CELEBRATION”

November 29 “FIRST FAMILY FORUM”



Join us for these special training opportunities.
Childcare will be provided each evening.

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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



Thanksgiving Dinner

Tuesday, November 24 6:00 p.m.

Burri's Hall Traditional Menu

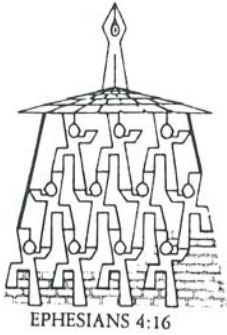
catered by Paul Bessinger

Adult - \$6 Children - \$3.50

Reservations required by November 22

Call the church office or use a regular supper reservation form

**The Ordinance of Believer's Baptism will be observed
this Sunday, November 8.**



THE PASTOR'S LINK

As we are giving thanks to our Lord by declaring November "Test Me In This" month and asking every member to try tithing, I ran across a church that is doing something different. A church with locations in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and online is offering a three-month tithing challenge;

"Give for three months. If God doesn't deliver on his promise to provide for you, you can ask for your money back. All of it. No questions asked". Now there's a different approach to tithing. Think about it, this seems like a prospect in which the church can't lose. They put the money in a savings account and don't touch it for three months. They can't get burned (and might even earn a little interest). Instead it's a way to help people give, help them get over whatever concerns or issues or they have. And seriously--how many people would actually ask for the money back from their church? Rather than serving as an actual program, this is just a challenge; a way to get people to think about tithing. So what is the harm? Why not try it?

Well on the other hand I'm wary; it sounds like a gimmick. It is not really an act of faith and obedience. It really is a gimmick. The scripture (God) does not need gimmicks. I am not much on gimmicks. I am more concerned with following the truth of the Scriptures. Tithing is not about money. It is about Spiritual obedience. It is about placing complete trust in God. It is about living by faith. It is about seeing the results of a life of faith. This is what God is calling us to "Test". When God commands us to "Test me in this" in Malachi 3:10 He is speaking to a nation who has fallen away from him and his blessings. He desires us to follow Him in complete obedience, trust and faith in all areas of our life. When we do so He will pour out unusual blessings. When we fail to test Him, He is not able to bless us as He desires. Who needs a money back guarantee? That is a gimmick compared to the strength of His promise. Go ahead and "Test" Him by faith and obedience. He cannot fail. If He fails he cannot be God. Now that is a guarantee you can bank on!

Bill

Sunday, November 8, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

AM "Giving; A Sign of Spiritual Maturity"
Exodus 25:1-2

PM Building Better Disciples Series
"Relational Evangelism Techniques"



The SC Baptist Singing Churchmen
 presents

HYMNS *Alive*

OUR HERITAGE, OUR FUTURE

featuring special guests

SeraphSong and Local Church Choir Members
 with Congregational Singing of the Great Hymns

7:00 PM – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA

Free Admission - Mission Offering Received

In celebration of the new edition of Baptist Hymnal 2008

I hope you can attend this special worship experience.
 I guarantee you a great time in God's presence!

SOUTH PACIFIC

We will leave Saturday at 9 a.m. for this trip to Charlotte for lunch and this afternoon matinee. If you have not paid your balance, I need it as soon as possible.

PECAN TRIP

We are headed to Cameron for pecans and Orangeburg for lunch on Monday, November 14. Departure time is 10 am. Call me to signup!

Charlton

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mattie Boone (birthday is November 10)
 121 Ephrata Lane
 West Columbia, SC 29169

Ellen Floyd (birthday is November 10)
 Heartland of Lexington Room 105
 2416 Sunset Blvd.
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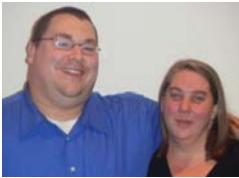
Ava Merchant (birthday is November 13)
 103 Marjorie Lane
 West Columbia, SC 29169

Be in prayer for
SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST CONVENTION
ANNUAL MEETING
November 10-11 Columbia Convention Center



We are heading into week 2 of "Building Better Disciples." We are going to have so much fun this Sunday evening. I want to share with you some easy tips to make witnessing natural for you. There are 3 conversation markers to look for when a person is open to a gospel presentation. There are also 3 indicators to look for when speaking to someone that indicate their receptivity to the gospel. I will teach you these. After learning them, we are going to ROLE PLAY together. I will play to part of the non-Christian and volunteers will share their faith with me. No, I will not call you up against your will! This is all about relational evangelism, a form of sharing that we see Jesus using a great deal when He was here as a man. Remember, childcare is provided so all of us can come and grow together.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER



Mary Ann Inabinet
(pictured with her husband, Bobby)
by letter
Deacon: Billy Hayes

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In loving memory of Otis Strickland
by Shirley Wessinger

In loving memory of John Chapman
by Mrs. Mayo Bryant, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Blackburn,
Thompson Funeral Home, The Loxcren Co., Inc.,
and Mr. & Mrs. Graham White, Sr.

In loving memory of Esther Mooneyhan
by Mrs. Mayo Bryant

In loving memory of George Thompson
by Mrs. Jean Williams

In loving memory of Jimmy Still
by Ruby Clamp, Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Blackburn,
Mr. & Mrs. Boyd Anderson, The Seekers Bible Study
Class, Vera H. Gunter, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Patrick, Jr., Dr.
& Mrs. Thomas Edmonds, Mr. & Mrs. Tom
Dyches, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Starnes, Mr. & Mr. Irwin
McIntosh, Mrs. Olive Merritt, Mr. William Gooding, May
C. Steedly, Mr. & Mrs. Jim DuBose, Margaret
Barwick, and Mr. & Mrs. Lee Maxwell, Mr. & Mrs. Ray
Edmonds, Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Dunovant, Jr., Madge Major,
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Roper, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Morris,
Mr. & Mrs. Robin Tew, Jr., Caroline Harris,
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gunnels, and Mr. & Mrs. Seth Davis

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
In loving memory of Esther Mooneyhan
by Mr. & Mrs. James Hamel



Lighthouse Student Ministries

I want to ask you all to pray as we make a dynamic shift in our youth program. I have been in prayer and study for many months about what kind of youth program is really needed for this current generation. There are many models of youth ministry. Each one is distinct and takes into account the spiritual and emotional needs of the students that are participating. I have taken the last year and half or so preparing their hearts to understand the importance of obedience and holiness and now they are ready to take on some big challenges.

I am asking you to pray as we shift our focus from group building through fellowship and activities to group building through missions and labor. Not that we have omitted missions from our program in the past. Over the years, we have been on major mission trips and have been active on campus making a difference for Christ. Now, I want us to be defined by what we do for others, defined by missions. What I am asking the Lord for is to provide us monthly with a local mission activity. I want Him to show us the way and open all the correct doors. I want to share with you weekly through this article how He is developing this new identity for us.

Jody



Christmas Packets for Prisoners

It's time to prepare the Prisoner Packets for distribution to South Carolina prisoners over the Christmas Season. Items, or cash donations, shall be accepted until Wednesday, November 25. A list of approved items is on the bulletin board near the church office and in last week's Tie Binder.

For further information, contact Grace Shepherd.



We are now taking orders for poinsettias to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 6. Forms are available in last week's Tie Binder, in the church office, and at sanctuary entrances. Please return it with \$13.00 in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 22. Poinsettias may be picked up after worship on Sunday, December 20.



...continues until November 12. Boxes are available near the church office for this special ministry. A list is posted on the bulletin board and in previous Tie Binders.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
November 8-14, 2009

Sunday, November 8

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons
- 6:00 p.m. "Building Better Disciples"
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir

Monday, November 9

- 5:45 p.m. Sanctuary Choir meets at FBC, Columbia
- 7:00 p.m. Singing Churchmen present **HYMNS ALIVE** at FBC, Columbia

Tuesday, November 10

- SC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
- 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. **ESTHER** Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, November 11

- SC Baptist Convention Annual Meeting
- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service/Church Conf.
Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 12

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

Saturday, November 14

- 9:00 a.m. Seniors leave for Charlotte and "South Pacific"

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
November 8, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Amy Hudson
 Carolyn Williams

Twos and Threes
 Katie Gaulden
 Dorothy Thompson

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Ann & Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building
 Gerry Berry
 Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level
 Jack & 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.



- November 11**
 Chicken Tenders
 Mac & cheese
 Slaw
 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.

Hospital Update
 as of Monday, November 2
Lexington Medical Center
 Rubye Smith

Pat Tindal will be having surgery on
 Tuesday, Nov. 3 at
 Baptist Medical Center

"TEST ME IN THIS"



**November Stewardship
 Emphasis**