



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

# Tie-Binder

“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

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## DEACON ELECTION SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 during morning worship

All ballots must be received by the conclusion of the morning worship service on August 8. Candidates will be interviewed during the week of August 8. Deacons elected for 2011-14 will be announced during the morning worship service on August 15. This year we will be electing 6 men to serve a three year term.

These men are currently serving as active deacons and are not eligible for nomination this year:

Gerald Baker, Kevin Barfield, Clyde Blackburn, Bernard Bourne, Glenn Duke, Marion Gunter, Jr., Billy Hayes, Tom Hook, Allan Murray, Jim Schafer, Jim Shealy, Greg Shepherd and Jim Tindal.

On Sunday morning, you will receive a list of eligible candidates for the office of Deacon. Please remember that anyone who would choose not to serve is asked to contact the church office by noon on Thursday, August 6 to be excluded from the list.

Time will be allowed during the service to fill out your ballots. Please be in prayer this week about your decision and come prepared to vote. As previously announced, absentee ballots are available in the church office and must be submitted by 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

As you consider your decision, the following scriptures will help you in determining the qualifications for a deacon:

Acts 6: 1-7  
1 Timothy 3: 1-13

**DEACONS TAKE NOTE:** There will be a special called meeting of returning and newly elected Deacons at 5:00 p.m. on August 15 to elect officers for the new year.

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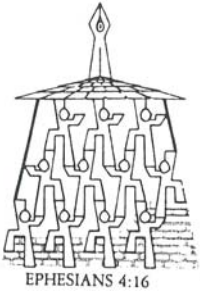
### REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### 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 Small Groups

#### Wednesday

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



### THE PASTOR'S LINK

As this newsletter is being published and mailed I am on my way home from Trinidad with our team, Debra Gaulden, John Gaulden and Cathy Drees. Missions is near the heart of God. I have always been amazed at the way God touches lives when we get out of our normal routine or comfort zone to stretch our lives in faith as we follow His call. It is often that we need to go a distance to see the mission field across the street.

It is my prayer that FBCWC will continue to grow as a 'missional' church. A missional church is not a 'mission minded' church where we think and pray for missions. Thoughts and prayers for missions are important. A missional church is not a 'mission giving' church. Gifts to missions are vital. A missional church is a church that thinks, prays, gives, lives, breathes and does missions at home and everywhere as part of their DNA. The more a church or an individual believer is busy being missional, the less time they have to be distracted by the enemy.

As we return from this trip we will look forward to one last month in the 2009-10 church year. It seems that the years go by faster. As we prepare for a new year I will be preaching a month of sermons that I believe will challenge us for a continual movement in the Spiritual direction God is leading FBCWC as the body of Christ. The first of these messages concerns electing Spirit filled men to serve as Deacons. Following that Sunday we will look at being servants rather than consumers, then being sent as missionaries in our daily walk as we become better than average Christians. It is a good thing I will have all month to cover all this. Hope you will be praying and prepared for what God has for you.

*Bill*

#### Worship Services for Sunday, August 8 Dr. Bill Drees

11 AM

“Choose Men Known to be Full of the Spirit”  
Acts 6:1-7

6 PM

Ezra

#### HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Ellen Floyd  
Heartland of Lexington Room 105  
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I can't believe it's August already. Music camps are over and school is just around the corner. Time to turn our eyes forward to a new church year. We are making plans for the beginning of the new year in Music Ministry. Our leaders will be attending the Worship Summit at White Oak August 20-21 for special training in their specific areas.

**CHILDRENS CHOIRS AND MISSION GROUPS** will resume on Wednesday, August 25, along with our supper and other regular Wednesday activities. If there is enough interest, handbells will be offered for children in grades 3-6 at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Music Activities for adults will also be looking for new members and volunteers. You are ALWAYS welcome to join our **Sanctuary Choir**. Christmas is just around the corner and we will soon begin preparations for that beautiful season. Just show up on Wednesday nights at 7:30. **Handbells** will also be resuming in September. If you read music and would like to be part of this group, get in touch.

For our Senior Adults, **JUBILANT SINGERS** will resume on Thursday, September 9 in Burriss Hall. We'd love to have a bigger representation from our church. Come join us. **BEST YET TO COME** meetings will resume on September 16.

*Charlton*

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**NEWS**

**The Camille Graham Correctional Institute Picnic** is Saturday, September 11 from 12 Noon till 6:15 pm at the facility. Volunteers and picnic food are requested.

**If you would like to volunteer with serving food at the picnic or assisting with the activities, you will need to fill out a volunteer information form before August 25th.** You can also get a schedule of activities for the afternoon. Please contact Brenda Hyatt or Grace Shepherd for more information. Picnic items needed will be forthcoming.

**God's Helping Hands** is in need of volunteers to work from 9:00 am till 12:00 pm during the week. Help on Mondays and Wednesdays are critical right now. Office help and help sorting clothes and food are some of the duties. Contact Linda Keisler for more information at GHH 791-4167.



Soon, we will be starting our backpack ministry again. As kids return to school, we are still going to be meeting the hunger needs of those right in our own community. I want to encourage you now to consider giving financially to this project and also volunteering to help pack the bags each week. As we draw closer to the start of the school year, you will be hearing more about this ministry at BC Grammar #1. Last year, God through us met the hunger needs of 25 children. He provided what they needed and we praise Him for that.



We have set the date so mark it down. Sunday, August 15 we will move all advancing children up. This day is a special day for us as many children will be going to new classrooms and meeting new teachers. We will celebrate as our children

grow. All of our children moving from the preschool to the children's division will be presented with a new Bible during the worship service. Please check to see if your child is one who is changing classrooms and get them ready for this day.

Friends, Blessings and Thankfulness

God touched my life with precious friends who give and love and pray!

They show His love in all they do and witness night and day.

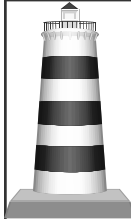
These dear sweet friends may not know what blessing they all are, but to me they are like precious gems and shine like brilliant stars!

When troubles come and it may seem like pain is all around, I simply send my praises up and God's blessings rain back down!

I thank my loving Christian friends for all they say and do, for holding me close to their hearts. That's Godly, sweet and true.

So when you see my tears fall down like the breaking of a dam, Please see, it's just because I know how blessed I really am.

Gina Harmon  
July 18, 2010



**Lighthouse Student Ministries**

**Fall Retreat 2010**

**Sept. 4-6**

SO, summer is basically over and this means it is time to retreat away and prepare for the new school year. This year we are doing the Double Trouble. We will be whitewater rafting down the Ocoee River twice in one day! We will also be horseback riding together as well as packing in a mission event on the way up. The feature of this event is our student led Bible studies. God has not revealed the theme to us yet, but each student will be presenting their unique findings to the group. This trip is for all of our current youth in grades 7-12. Our college kids and young professionals may inquire with me about going to help chaperone. The total cost for the retreat is \$120.00. Students, begin working and saving your money now. Sign up

Speaking of summer being over, it was a great time. We packed in two mission trips, led a weekly kids' ministry at the church, and made a water park and Carowinds trip. I am exhausted! God is awesome and we all experienced Him in new ways this summer. Now, let's set our hearts on what is ahead. It is a new school year. You are returning to your natural mission field and I can't wait to see what God is going to accomplish through you this year! I wish I was right there with you everyday on campus. GO and GROW!

*Jody*



Anne Marie Brown, Morgan Jones, and MaCayla Ratcliffe are attending GA Camp this week at Camp LaVida. Remember them in prayer as they meet and learn about missionaries and their work throughout the world.



**DUFFEL BAGS AND BIBLES**

Last year, the SC WMU donated 2,381 duffel bags to the SC Foster parents association. This is the tenth year for providing these items, which are distributed to 8,500 children and youth.

Our church has participated in this ministry for several years. If you, your class, or organization would like to make a donation, please do so by August 20th. Each bag costs \$12.

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Shepherd.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**  
**August 8-14, 2010**

**Sunday, August 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  
Deacon Election
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

**Tuesday, August 10**

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 11:00 a.m. *discoverkids*

**Wednesday, August 11**

- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service  
Church Conference
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

**Thursday, August 12**

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

**OUR REGULAR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE OF SUPPER AND CHILDREN'S MUSIC AND MISSION ACTIVITIES WILL RESUME ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25.**

**Plan to make this a part of your family's weekly activities!**

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**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**

**August 8, 2010**

**HEALTH MINISTRY**

Brenda Brown

**EXT. TEACHING CARE**

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

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

**Babies and Toddlers**

Kati Gaulden  
 Sara Frances Watson

**Twos and Threes**

Chris and Jamie Litrell

**DEACON OF THE WEEK**

Billy Hayes

**STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

Phyllis Johnson

**GREETERS**

**Snyder Building**

Gary and Terri Lee  
 Alex Bedenbough

**Burriss Building**

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

**Front Lower Level**

Jack and Virginia Hill

**SOUND**

Belinda Inabinet, Gary Lee

**Hospital Update**

As of Tuesday, August 3, no church members were known to be hospitalized. Remember in prayer those who are undergoing tests and treatments.

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

**Benevolence Ministry**

*In memory of Pauline Thompson*

by the Dorcas-Love Class

*In honor of Virginia Hill*

for her many years of faithful service to our class

by the Dorcas-Love Class

**FBCWC**

*In memory of Foy Chalk*

by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Baker

**GOD'S HELPING HANDS**

During August, God's Helping Hands requests **saltine crackers and toiletry items, especially tooth brushes, toothpaste, and soap** as needed items. A collection bin is located near the church office.



**GROWING**

*In the grace of Giving*

**2010**