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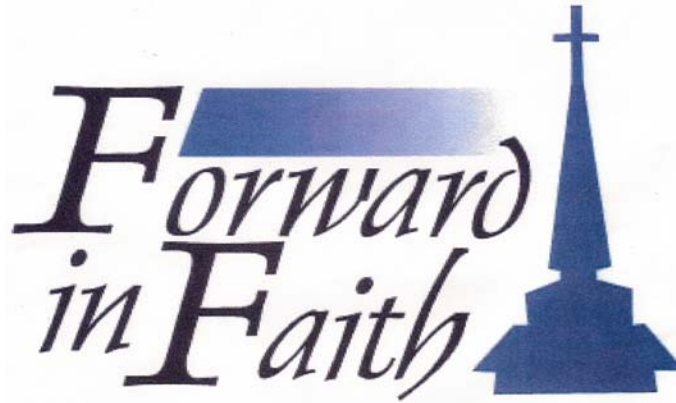
Tie-Binder

“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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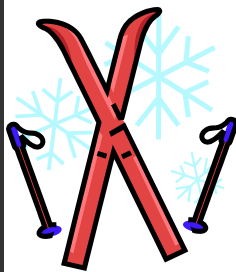
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Give 10 in 2010!

By now most of us are familiar with writing 10 on the date line of our checkbook instead of 09. Your Finance Committee has been seeking a way to encourage everyone to give at least ‘ten in ten’ as we continue to teach and follow the command to tithe or give 10% of our income to the Lord as an act of obedience and faith. This logo will be used in the year ahead as an encouragement to ‘Give 10 in 10’ for God’s glory.

(We thank our own Allison Fowler for using her talent to design this logo.)



ANNUAL YOUTH WINTER RETREAT FEBRUARY 26-28, 2010 BOONE, NC

"IMAGE: Who are You, Really?"
will be a three session Bible study looking at our image on Facebook, through Texting, in Clothing Styles, and in our Attitude.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
MARCH 7-14, 2010

LIVE WITH URGENCY

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION
FBCWC GOAL; \$4,000

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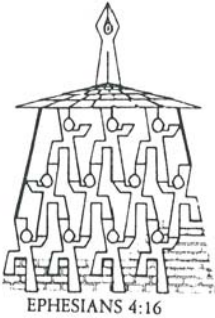
REGULAR SCHEDULE

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

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



THE PASTOR'S LINK

This article is the continuation of last week's testimony concerning God's intervention and miraculous prevention from an early death due to three aneurysms. If you missed that article call the office or go the church website.

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EPHESIANS 4:16

I begin each day 'admiring' the 25 inch scar around my 33 inch midsection and go through the day with no feeling in that area of my abdomen. It is my reminder that I should seek to make the most of the gift of life. I do admit times of frustration when I see people throwing away the precious fragile gift of life - wasting time, fussing, fighting and arguing over petty matters. I am amazed at the ways we find to become angry and unhappy when we live in such a blessed country and are so blessed by God.

Do you know that your garbage disposal 'eats' better than much of the rest of the world? People in many countries who are caught worshipping Jesus are beaten or killed. We have total freedom to assemble and worship the risen Christ and a spring shower is enough to keep many away from church. Others go to church and fuss about anything and everything that displeases them rather than finding the unity in Christ that He prayed for just before going to the Cross (read John 17:20-26).

I am reminded of an old TV commercial for cell phones. They end the commercial saying, "We're part of the AT&T wireless network...and we get it!" I often think we could do a similar commercial but we would have to change the words and say, "We are Christians living in America, saved by the abundant grace of Christ, living in a free nation to enjoy life at the full-est...and we don't get it!" I Thessalonians 5:16 commands us to "rejoice always" yet we often sit in the middle of God's blessings and frown.

The next time you think you are having a bad time, remember the blessings you have here in America, read I Thessalonians 5:18 and move on. You could have been born in India as an 'untouchable' (how would you like a life of cleaning out sewers with no hope of bettering your status in life?) or you could have been born in Pakistan or Cambodia and not had the freedom or blessings that you have.

John 10:10 says Jesus came to give abundant life. Let other stuff go and live! If I can rejoice over a 25-inch scar and celebrate the 8th anniversary of a kidney stone, you ought not to look too far to find your own reason to rejoice.

Bill



MUSIC MAKERS AND YOUNG MUSICIANS will sing in Morning Worship this Sunday, February 28. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 to rehearse.

SANCTUARY CHOIR, don't forget our joint rehearsal of "Celebrate Life" with all three choirs this Sunday, February 28. We will meet at Broadacres Baptist Church at 3:00 p.m. Please do your best to be there.

Singing His Praises!

Charlton

Worship Services for Sunday, February 28

AM "Putting on an Act in Church"
Matthew 6:1-8; 16-18

PM
Joshua

MEMORIALS

In Loving Memory of Rubye Smith

In Home Ministry

by Susan Morris

For Such A Time As This

by Steve & Eleanor Mann, Sara Frances Watson

Youth Ministry

by Genevieve Shampy

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by Staff of Sleep Inn Airport,
Cornelia Hutto, Diane Vinson

In loving memory of Mortimer Smith

For Such a Time As This

by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

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by Thompson Funeral Home, Evelyn Brittingham,
Rev. Van Smith & family

Annie Armstrong Missions

by the In Home Ministry

In Loving Memory of Juanita Keim

Annie Armstrong Missions

by the In Home Ministry



I want to remind all of our Sunday School Workers of two upcoming events:

Sunday School Worker's Meeting

This Sunday, February 28
5pm in the Conference Room

All Sunday School workers are invited to participate in a meeting designed to keep you in the know for Sunday School. Each month we like to give a "state of the Sunday School" report, offer you some training and encouragement, and allow you the chance to tell us how classes are going from your point of view. From these meetings have come great ideas, both missionary ideas and ideas to strengthen our Bible teaching ministry.

Sunday School Worker's Breakfast

Sunday, March 7 8:30am Burriss Hall

We want to offer all of our Sunday School workers the chance to come and get a sneak peek on the new quarter's lessons. Here as you enjoy breakfast on the house, the pastoral staff and your Sunday School Director will give you an overview of the theological emphasis coming up. This will prepare you for your teaching experience in your class. Please call the church office to sign up quickly. We will meet until 9:30 in order for you to open up your Sunday School class and start by 9:45am. Remember, our motto for 2010 is "Excellence in Everything" so lets be on time and be prepared.



Backpacks of Blessings

B-C-#1 Elementary School keeps an assortment of school supplies for children who need them. Often, teachers provide these items out of their own pockets.

Items needed for this include pencils, notebook paper, crayons, and glue sticks. Also, teachers are always in need of dry erase markers.

If you or your Sunday School Class or Department would like to help provide any of these items, bring them by the church office. To make a contribution toward this specific part of our ministry to the school, mark your envelope "school supplies".

If you would be interested in volunteering at the school in any way, let one of our ministers know. This is a little more involved than just showing up, so let us know if you are interested.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mary Faulk (Birthday is March 1)
266 A Caughman Way
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Lexington, SC 29072



Lighthouse Student Ministries

Parents, we have decided to return to M-Fuge Camp this summer at North Greenville University. I will be sending you a letter shortly with dates and fundraising plans. We would like all of our youth to experience Mission Camp and all of them have the opportunity to raise support and participate. We will also be going on the Lynch, Kentucky mission trip in July. The dates are July 5-9. We will also be raising support for this trip. So be on the lookout for specific information soon.

Jody

Ratcliffe Family Update

Many of you may be wondering if we are going to be leaving and returning to the mission field or Russia soon. I want you to know that the door to return has not opened for us. His clear voice called us to FBC over two years ago and He told me to prepare myself as I would be returning here and carrying a great deal of responsibility in the growth and re-vision of the church.

My love for FBC was and is strong! He has us where He wants us and we hope it is for a very long time! Our hearts are here, but painfully still on the mission field that is full of lost and desperate souls in need of the Savior. My prayer is that together with you, we can make an impact overseas. Believe me when I say that your pastoral staff hears your desire to be overseas and we are working on it.

Our other big news is that we have purchased a home. It is beautiful with plenty of room for our kids and indeed an answer to years of prayer. I made a commitment to serve the Lord here to the fullest of strength and passion and we are delighted to continue ministry here. Thank you for serving alongside me for the glory of God alone!



Easter Lilies

This year, you will have the opportunity to place Easter lilies in the church in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$13.00. Please complete this form and return it to the church by Wednesday, March 24.

Forms will also be available at sanctuary entrances.

_____ Number of lilies

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
February 28-March 6, 2010

Sunday, February 28

- 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. Sanctuary Choir meets at Broadacres Baptist
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Return from retreat
 Sunday School Worker's
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, March 2

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

Wednesday, March 3

- 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
 Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 4

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

A gracious note of appreciation has been received from the family of Mrs. Rubye Smith and is posted on the bulletin board.

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
February 28, 2010
HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Toddlers

Amy Hudson
 Wanda Gunter

Ones and Twos

Richard and Dawn Kimura

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Greg Shepherd

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dina Taylor

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building
 Legare Gunter

Front Lower Level
 Boyd and Azalee Anderson

SOUND

Belinda Inabinet
 Gary Lee

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 in Burriss Hall



March 3
BBQ Chicken
Rice and Hash
Slaw
Rolls and 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

Hospital Update

(as of Tuesday, February 23)

Lexington Medical Center
 Ava Merchant

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

During March, God's Helping Hands requests **flour, sugar, and cooking oil** as needed items.

Thank you for the crackers and other items given in February.

We're on the Web!

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New picture are there from Baptist Women's day and the Ladies and girls' Brunch. You can also read Pastor Bill's testimony in its entirety.



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.