



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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“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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Dedicate 2010 to the Lord with a Special 5th Sunday Fellowship of Prayer & Fasting

We invite you to come together as a body for a unique time of prayer and fasting on **Sunday evening January 31 at 5:30**. Normally we gather on every 5th Sunday for a covered dish fellowship as a church family. We have recently added a time of open forum discussion to seek dialogue to guide us as a body to discern God’s direction for us in the days before us. This month, as we begin a new year together we want to set aside the hour for a special time of prayer and fasting to seek God’s voice and commit ourselves anew to follow Him and recommit ourselves in unity as His body to hear His voice as He leads us in the days ahead. **Do not bring food, as we will be devoting the entire time to prayer for our church.** Plan now to join us for this special time of worship as the body of Christ.

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Valentine Movie Night

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14
5:30 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to impact the life of someone close to you.

A showing of the movie **Fireproof**, starring Kirk Cameron, will be taking place on Valentine's evening in our Burris Hall. The showing is free

of charge and childcare will be provided.

Take this opportunity to share the film with non-believers in your life, especially married couples in need of restoration. Come by the office and pick up free admission tickets to give them.



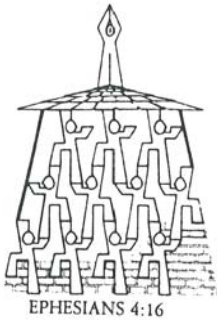
REGULAR SCHEDULE

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



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Throughout the scriptures there are times of prayer and fasting. There were occasions of prayer and fasting for health. David pleaded with God for his child in 2 Samuel 12:16. There were prayers and fasting for safe travel (Ezra 8:21). Prayer and fasting was used as an act of repentance in 1 Samuel 7:6. It was also a sign of mourning in 2 Samuel 1:12. Twice in the book of Acts it was prayer and fasting that was used before making an important decision. (Acts 13:2-3; 14:23).

We are entering a new era in many ways. It is a new calendar year. It is the beginning of a new decade. We are coming to the end of our first year together as pastor and people as we look forward to building on the foundation we have laid in these first critical months together. Therefore, I would like to ask you to consider a unique time of worship and commitment as a church family.

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**Worship Services for
Sunday, January 31, 2009**

**AM "I Had My Fingers Crossed"
Matthew 5:33-37**

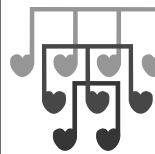
**PM An Evening of Prayer
and Fasting**

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Dot Whitfield
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2705 Leaphart Rd
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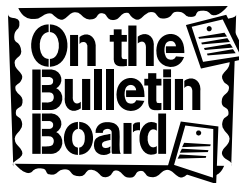
THANKS to our Baptist Men for making such a great choir for Baptist Men's Day. The whole day was a blessing. Thank you, men for all you do for our church and our Lord!



JUBILANT SINGERS resumes our rehearsals on Thursday, February 4 at 11 a.m. in Burriss Hall at FBCWC. Road construction around Holland Avenue makes this move necessary for a few weeks. It is open to any senior adult who enjoys making music, ministering in the community and having a lot of fun! Come join us!

SANCTUARY CHOIR has begun working on "Celebrate Life" to be presented with Green Hill and Broadacres Baptist Churches on Palm Sunday. If you would like to take part, we would welcome you to join your voice with ours.

Four young ladies from our Young Musicians Choir will be participating in the SC Baptist Honor Children's Chorus January 29-30 at White Oak Conference Center. Anne Marie Brown, Morgan Jones, MaCayla Ratcliffe and Brianna Taylor will be taking part. We will leave at 3:30 on Friday afternoon. They will rehearse Friday evening and Saturday, concluding with a concert at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evening at White Oak. Congratulations, girls!



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from:

Pat Tindal

Bethany Christian Services

God's Helping Hands

PJ Justice was named resident of the month at Willow Grove Retirement Center in Charlotte, where she now lives. The article is posted on the bulletin board.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you, Church family, for your kind participation in donating for the USC International Students' Luncheon on January 22. Everyone was extremely grateful, and it was a joy for our Church to be represented as a co-host on this occasion.

Grace Shepherd



I want to remind everyone of our theme for 2010: Excellence in Everything. We need to be serving the Lord with all of our hearts and minds as we participate in our small groups on Sunday

mornings. Teachers, I want to encourage you to begin your classes no later than 10am. Sunday School is the only group Bible study that most of us get and we need to fully take advantage of this time. Some classes have students that arrive late. I encourage you to begin on time and allow them to quickly adjust their schedules to make it earlier.

Let us not forget, Bible study is worth it! We can all make more adjustments in our lives to get more out of Bible study. All of us, myself included, need to study it and read it more. Let's make this the priority in Sunday School. I will be visiting one class each week beginning Sunday. For many of you, I have your 2010 Class Profile ready and want to share with you the results. I have good news and news of improvement for each class. If your class did not turn your surveys in, you still can. It will be my joy to come and spend some time with each of you in Sunday School. Together, let's make Bible study better and a top priority.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

January has been a time of record attendance for our youth. In a lot of ways, this is crunch time. The school year is moving quickly to a close and the students have just entered into their new classes. Students performance right now will determine if some of them pass or fail for the semester and sometimes the year. Let's encourage them to end well and let's pray for them to stay focused. Jesus said that we should love the Lord with our minds. One way students do this is to excel academically. Show the non-believers that Christians are responsible and care about excellence. Being rebellious and slack about school displays a message that is not Christ-centered. Let your approach to academics bring God glory.

Remember Our Upcoming Events:



Sunday, February. 7, 2010

Winter Jam Concert

Colonial Life Arena (see youth board for details)

Friday, February 19 Cost: \$10

Winter Ski Retreat

February 26-28

See Parent Newsletter or previous column for details

Wow, that is just February! Summer Camp details coming out soon!



February 7-14, 2010

Baptist Women's Day Sunday, February 14

Ladies Chorus will be singing. We will recognize and honor all our mission groups in morning worship.

Ladies and Girls Brunch Saturday, February 20

All ladies and girls of the church are invited for this special time of fellowship together.



The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our heartfelt sympathy to:

Scott and Lance Rollison in the loss of their aunt;

Susie Jeffcott in the loss of her son-in-law;

Financial Secretary Trish Perkins in the loss of her father.

BEGIN TO PRAY NOW FOR REVIVAL

May 1-3

Guest Speaker: Lonnie Riley director of Meridzo Ministries in Lynch, Kentucky

MISSION TRIP TO LYNCH, KY

July 5-9

Can God use YOU on this trip?

Pray every day for First Baptist Church!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
January 31 - February 6, 2010

Sunday, January 31

- 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
- 5:30 p.m. An Evening of Fasting and Prayer

Tuesday, February 2

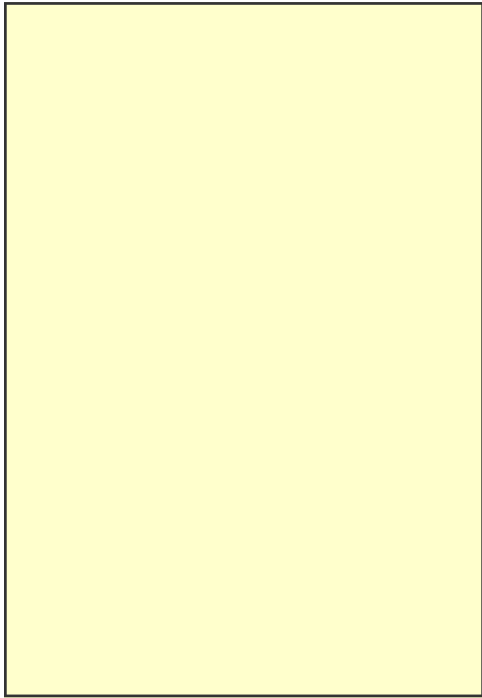
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study

Wednesday, February 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, February 4

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



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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
January 31, 2010

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Dawn Kimura

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Toddlers
 Sara Frances Watson
 Chris Davis

Ones and Twos
 Richard and Dawn Kimura

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Tom Hook

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
 Jay Simmons

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Iris Wellborn

Burriss Building
 Evelyn Dunlap

Front Lower Level
 Bill Sanderson

SOUND
 Belinda Inabinet, Gary Lee

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m.
 in Burriss Hall
**Deadline for reservations and
 cancellations is noon Monday.**



February 3
 BBQ Sandwich
 Baked Beans
 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 reservations
 is noon on Monday.**



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Check out pictures from
 Baptist Men's Day 2010.

Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, January 26th, no members are known to be hospitalized.

Be in prayer for Gerry Berry and Wilbur Johnson, who will be having medical procedures done later this week but do not expect to be hospitalized.



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.