



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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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

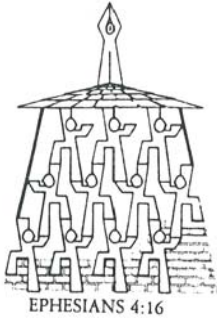
- 5:30 pm Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 pm Library open
- Children's Choirs
- LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- Young Professionals
- 6:45 pm Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



Sunday School Workers Breakfast

Sunday, March 7 8:30 a.m.
Burriss Hall
Contact the church office by Wednesday to make your reservation.

All of our Sunday School workers will have a chance to come and get a sneak peek on the new quarter's lessons. Here, as you enjoy breakfast around the tables, 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 today to sign up.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

One year ago I stood in the pulpit for the first time as your pastor. It seems hard to believe that 365 days have gone so quickly. You know the saying, "Time flies when you are having fun!" I can't speak for everyone but I have been having fun worshipping and serving you. As I shared from the pulpit last Sunday in Scripture and testimony I know about the seriousness of life and worship (you have had an opportunity to hear/read my personal testimony of God's divine intervention to save me for another day). I also know the joy of the second shortest verse, "Rejoice Always!" (1 Thessalonians 5:16) as well as Psalm 2:4, "He who sits in the heavens laughs." Time does zip along as we have enjoyed the year.

We have had a productive year. We have baptized 12 people into the Kingdom, started new ministries and opportunities for open communication such as the 5th Sunday forums, begun a backpack ministry, planned a church mission trip, revival/ community picnic for outreach, completed and approved a new constitution, committee handbook, financial policies handbook (we also completed the personnel handbook that will be voted upon at the March business session), as well as the normal activities for adults, youth & children.

I want to encourage all FBCWC family members to be present Sunday as we will not only take a look back, but a look forward to the days ahead as we have a foundation to follow the Holy Spirit for an exciting future. We have made a commitment to press on with "Excellence in Everything" following 1 Corinthians 10:31, "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." I look forward to seeing you Sunday!

Worship Services for Sunday, March 7

AM "A Look Back and Looking Ahead"
Joshua 1:6-11

PM
Judges

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Martha Leaphart
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THANKS TO OUR MUSIC MAKERS, YOUNG MUSICIANS and SANCTUARY CHOIR for reminding us what a great and awesome God we have. Your singing was beautiful and uplifting, and drew us all closer to God. Thanks for sharing.

Make your plans now to attend a special Easter presentation of

CELEBRATE LIFE

on Sunday, March 28
at 3:00 and 6:00 p.m.

at Broadacres Baptist Church.

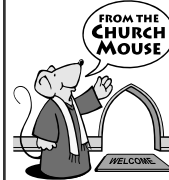
This classic Easter musical drama will be presented by the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, Broadacres Baptist Church and Green Hill Baptist Church.

Mark your calendars now and invite family and friends to join you for this special Resurrection Celebration.

In Loving Memory

Ava Merchant

November 13, 1921 - February 23, 2010



Congratulations to Chris and Larry Davis on the birth of a granddaughter, Delaney Katherine, born February 22. She is the daughter of Kevin and Alice Davis of Rock Hill.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Our Senior Pastor Dr. Bill Drees celebrates his first anniversary on March 1. Express your appreciation to Bill and Cathy on this special occasion.





“Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost places.”
Psalm 51: 6

You know, before we can stand up as teachers of the Bible or fill a position of any kind within the church, we need to be having a real, personal, and honest life with Christ. We cannot fool Him. He exists not as our external image, but deep within our internal person. It is there where we meet Him. It is there where we are uncovered and cannot be dishonest. Christ desires that our “outer person” be the visible copy of our “inner person”. We need to display what is really hidden deep within. As you lead in the positions God has called you to, remember that service for Him comes after devotion to Him. He wants you before He wants to see all you can do for Him.

Don't miss out on our Sunday School Workers' Breakfast this Sunday at 8:30am. Along with the chance to fellowship with one another, we want to give you all a preview of our upcoming topics for Sunday School. Please call the church office to sign up by Friday at 1pm.

DEACON FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS

Evelyn Dunlap, Debra Gaulden, Mark Inabinet, Ronnie Lee, and Nick Zeuger have joined the deacons as family ministry team members. On several occasions team members have helped with situations for us.

Please consider this opportunity; the only requirement is your prayers. Call me to find our more. Allan Murray, Deacon Chairman at 796-3238



MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS SATURDAY, MARCH 27 BEGINNING WITH LUNCH AT 12 NOON!



Backpacks of Blessings

Continue to pray and be involved in this special ministry to students and teachers at B-C#1 Elementary School. Contact one of our ministers if you have questions.

BEGIN TO PRAY NOW FOR REVIVAL MAY 1-3, 2010 MISSION TRIP TO LYNCH, KY JULY 5-9, 2010



Lighthouse Student Ministries

When we prayed before leaving for our Annual Winter Retreat last Friday, I told the youth that this retreat would be like none they had ever experienced before. The difference would not be the skiing or the location. The difference would be in how we changed. Our weekend was serious and personal. For the first time we faced our own hypocrisy and engaged in group confession. We wrote letters to God in personal confession and repentance. We faced Christ and learned that He desires honesty in the innermost parts of our hearts. It was a weekend that began a new period for our youth program and a spiritual marker in the lives of our teenagers. Thanks for all your prayers and for your financial support of our program. God uses you to bring about great change!

Jody

*In Loving Memory
Dr. Thomas E. Cuttino
August 5, 1927—February 25, 2010
Dr. Cuttino served First Baptist Church from August 22, 1980 to December 16, 1992*

With Sympathy The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our heartfelt sympathy to:
...the family of Ava Merchant
...the Family of Dr. Thomas E. Cuttino

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.

Easter Lilies

_____ Number of lilies
In honor of _____
In memory of _____
Given by _____

You may take your lily home following worship on Easter Sunday Morning.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

March 7-13, 2010
Season of Prayer for
North American Missions

Sunday, March 7

- 8:30 a.m. Sunday School Worker's Breakfast
- 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. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Youth S.N.A.C.

Tuesday, March 9

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, March 10

- 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 11

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

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

March 7, 2010

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Toddlers

Debra Shepherd

Ones and Twos

Nick and Jill Zueger

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Dave Simpson

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Janice Shealy

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building
 Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level
 Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

Belinda Inabinet
 Gary Lee

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



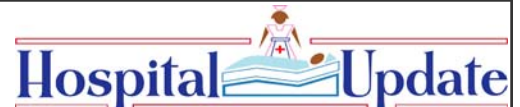
March 10
Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Slaw
Rolls and Dessert

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



(as of Tuesday, March 2)
Lexington Medical Center
 Violet Wood

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

During March, God's Helping Hands requests **flour, sugar, and cooking oil** as needed items. A collection bin is located near the church office.



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board near the church office:

- ...God's Helping Hands
- ...The family of Ava Merchant



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.