

Tie - Binder

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**First Baptist Church
West Columbia**

"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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Thanksgiving Dinner



Sunday, Nov. 21 in Burriss Hall following morning worship.

Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dinner side items and join us for this great time of Thanksgiving fellowship. There is no cost for the dinner.

Bring your family and invite your neighbors to join you at church for dinner on November 21.

If you, your Sunday School Class, or mission group would like to provide a turkey for the dinner, please notify Janet in the church office or one of the ministers.

**ARE WE
THERE
YET?**

2010 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

National Goal: \$175 Million

**Week of Prayer for International Missions
and International Mission Study
November 28 – December 5**

Our Church Goal:

\$10,000.00

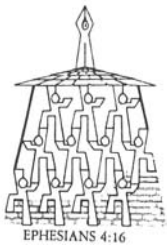
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Come help **decorate the sanctuary** for Christmas on Monday evening, November 22. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. Our church is always beautiful during Christmas. Come join in the fellowship as we decorate.

FREE HEALTH SCREENING
Monday, December 6 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Burriss Hall (12 hour fast required)
Call Janet for an appointment!



THE PASTOR'S LINK

As we move toward the national day recognized as a day to give thanks I am reminded that believers should live a life with every day as Thanksgiving. I Thessalonians 5:18 tells us to "give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." So not only are we out of His will when we fail to give thanks but we miss the blessings given us and others. He wants to send our way. A spirit of thanksgiving opens one's heart and life for the blessings of God. Inversely, those who live with a bitter, angry and negative spirit shut out God's blessings.

No matter what is going on in your immediate world you can find reasons to give thanks. Everyone reading this article has riches we take for granted simply because God's grace allows us to live in this country. Although the news reports gloom, as a citizen in the U.S.A you live in a better home than 80% of the rest of the world. It's hard to gripe about your utility bill when you give thanks for the electricity that 24% of the rest of the world does not have. As you turn the knob and receive fresh clean water you need to be reminded to give thanks as many around the world have short life spans and much disease because they do not have clean water. Ours is even hot if we desire. If you have a meal in the fridge and are able to dress with shoes, have a bed under a roof you are better off than 75% of the rest of the world. If you have a bank account with money in your pocket, give thanks; ¾ of the rest of the world would like to have the same.

I hope you are realizing how blessed you are. If not read on because by having the ability to read you have more than 67% of the rest of the world. I have yet to mention the Spiritual blessings I will share in church Sunday. By the way, if you came to church Sunday you did something that 3 billion other people couldn't do without fear of being arrested, harassed or killed. So why not plan to invite a friend to join you for our dinner at church next Sunday as we continue to follow God's will and give thanks?

Upcoming Sermons from Pastor Bill

November 21 11 a.m.
"Be Thankful Unto Him"
Psalm 103

No Evening Activities

November 28 11 a.m.
"Early Signs for Christmas"
Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:22-23
6 p.m Daniel



Thursday, November 18 11 a.m.
 Scheduled guest speakers are
 Mark and Lelanette Hathcox
 IMB Missionaries to India.

A REMINDER TO ALL OUR MUSIC GROUPS!

No choirs will meet on Wednesday, November 24 and Handbells will not meet on Sunday, November 21. As our Celebration date draws closer, each rehearsal is more important. Do your best to be in attendance!

JUBILANT SINGERS will soon begin its Christmas tour of 10 performances. Remember us as we sing!

LOOKING AHEAD...Mark your calendars and plan to attend these events celebrating Christmas at First Baptist Church:

Sunday, December 5 6:00 p.m.

A Christmas Concert with
Dawn Smith Jordan

An evening with one of our areas finest
 Christian recording artists.

The concert is free. A love offering will be taken.

Sunday, December 12 6:00 p.m.

"A Christmas Alleluia"

A Christmas concert featuring our Sanctuary Choir,
 Children's Choirs, Handbell Choir and
 guest brass players.

The program will be followed by a
 Churchwide Christmas Fellowship
 in Burriss Hall

Sunday, December 19 5:00 p.m.

Caroling on the Avenues

We will meet at the church and disperse in groups to
 sing carols in our community. Hot chocolate will follow!

Friday, December 24 5:30 p.m.

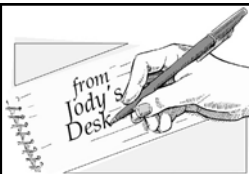
"A Service of Carols, Candles and Communion"

Join us for this great annual tradition of
 Christmas worship with the First Family.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Bill and Effie Lou Shipley
 Lexington Gardens Room 108
 190 McSwain Dr
 West Columbia, SC 29169

Maggie Dreher
 130 Jimmy Love Lane
 Apt 103
 Columbia, SC 29212-4241



Don't Forget!
Sunday School Workers Breakfast
November 28 8:30am

This is our way of thanking you for your hard work each quarter and also preparing you for the next quarter. Bill, Jim Shealy, and I will give you an overview of the quarter as well as offer some brand new encouragement about classroom management. Your family is welcomed to come and eat with you. There is no cost at all for this event. No sign up necessary. We look forward to another great quarter of biblical teaching and personal spiritual growth.

Discover Missions at First Baptist!

Keep your eyes peeled for church events that can serve as a missions event for you. Take a look at all of our upcoming Christmas dates. These serve as great evenings for you to invite your non-Christian friends to. We want you to especially look at December 19 as we are planning a Community Caroling Event. There are many ways for you to witness for Christ in this special season. Look also for the outreach opportunities available each month. On December 7, the men are going to the Prison to deliver goods and the gospel to needy inmates. The youth are taking up blanket for the homeless right now. There is always something for you to get involved in at First Baptist.



The First Baptist Church staff and family extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to Mildred Wood and Frankie Haygood and in the loss of their sister and aunt, Frances Henry.

CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR PRISONERS

As the holiday season approaches, we're reminded that it's time to prepare Christmas Packets for those who are incarcerated. The Lexington Baptist Association's goal is 1,000. Items needed are listed in the last Tie Binder and on the bulletin board. Note that these items need to be placed in a gallon zip lock bag. Our Church's deadline is November 28, 2010.

All men over age 18 are invited to go to Broad River Correction Institute to deliver the packets to inmates.

We will make these deliveries on December 7. All who plan to join Pastor Bill will need to send their name and number from their SC driver's license to the church office by or before Tuesday, November 30. We will then meet at the church at 4:30 pm on December 7 to allow us to arrive at Broad River Correction Institute by 5 pm. Please pass the word to all men age 18 and older and pray about this mission opportunity.

For additional information, please contact Brenda Hyatt, Grace Shepherd or Bill Drees.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

The youth had an awesome time this past Saturday. Thanks to Wilbur Johnson, Matt Burnette, and Belinda Inabinet for assisting me and ministering to the youth. Thanks to all who donated blankets for our homeless outreach. We were able to meet and minister to many of the less fortunate in our city. **Please continue to bring us blankets the rest of this month. We are planning to return to our place of ministry in December.**

We are having some great Sunday morning Bible studies and Wednesday night meetings with our teenagers. God is raising up a special group of young people. Their spiritual growth is our number one priority. Pray for us to have the wisdom to teach them, lead them, and be examples of Jesus before them. Pray for them to be bold and stand up for their faith. We are especially challenging them to stand up for those who others would consider outcasts and rejects on their campuses.

OUR NEXT EVENT!!!!!!
"Mean Santa" Christmas Party
December 15 6-9pm

This is our end of the year celebration! We will dress up and head to Macaroni Grill for a formal dinner. Cost is \$10 for the meal and you must bring a wrapped gift of \$10 or less. I can't wait to report our end of the year statistics to you for how we have grown in 2010.

Thanksgiving--a matter of the heart!!

The Finance Committee thanks those who shared inspiring stewardship testimonies during the month of November. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and enter the Christmas season let us be ever mindful of the greatest gift of all, Jesus, who is with us every moment of every day.

In 2 Corinthians Paul reminds us to be accountable...to give generously and joyfully to the church...not under pressure.

Cheerful giving from an unselfish heart shows that we are grateful for all God has given and done for us. Sacrificial giving is an act of obedience, a demonstration of faith.

God knows if things are tough for you financially and He knows your heart. In Galatians 6:9 we are challenged and encouraged, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"*.

Debra Gauden, Finance Committee, Chair



Sunday, November 21 is the **last day** to order Poinsettias. Forms are available at sanctuary entrances. Turn in the form with \$13.00 per plant in the offering plate or to the church office.

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 DO NOT
 DELAY!**



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

**November 24
 No Evening Activities**

December 1

Large Fried Ham & Cheese Sandwich
 Potato Salad, Fried Okra
 Tea, 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.

Our Reports for November 7, 2010

Sunday School	187	Guests	4
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			31
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24

Budget Receipts	\$	7,921.00
FSATAT	\$	415.00
Back Packs	\$	50.00
Lottie Moon	\$	540.00
Connie Maxwell	\$	25.00
Other	\$	299.00
Total Received	\$	9,250.00

Our Reports for November 14, 2010

Sunday School	155	Guests	2
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			31
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24

Budget Receipts	\$	7,600.96
FSATAT	\$	118.00
Back Packs	\$	58.56
Lottie Moon	\$	90.00
Connie Maxwell	\$	100.00
Other	\$	344.00
Total Received	\$	8,311.52

**SPECIAL GIFTS
 FSATAT**

In loving memory of :

Kathryn Ward
 by Mary Fox

Miriam Brown
 by Frances and Billy Branham,
 Norman Griffin, Catherine Holladay,
 Cornelia Hutto, Diane Vinson,
 State Street Baptist Church,
 Thompson Funeral Home,
 Evelyn Smith, Richard Matney, Sr.,
 Vivian and John Locklair, Guaranteed
 Supply Co. of SC, and Leesville United
 Methodist Church

Marion Hammett
 by Frances and Billy Branham

BUDGET

In loving memory of:

Kathryn Ward
 by Sara Frances Watson,
 Gerald and Linda Baker

Miriam Brown
 by the Joy Class

LOTTIE MOON

In loving memory of:

Kathryn Ward
 by the In Home Ministry

Miriam Brown
 by The In Home Ministry

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In loving memory of :

Kathryn Ward
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

Miriam Brown
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

THANKSGIVING SCHEDULE

There will be no evening activities on
 Wednesday , November 24th.
 The church office will be closed Thurs-
 day and Friday, November 25- 26.



As of Tuesday, November 16, there
 are no FBCWC members known to
 be hospitalized.



*Notes of appreciation has been received from the following
 and are posted on the bulletin board:*

Don and Peggy West; the family of Miriam Brown