



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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FUNTASTIC FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Sunday, October 31 5-7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat

Hay Ride

Men's Cake
Baking Contest

Cake Walk

Games and Prizes

This event is being sponsored jointly by our Children's Committee and our Evangelism Committee as an outreach to our community. The fun will begin with our regular 5th Sunday Night Covered Dish Supper for our entire community and conclude with games and activities in the parking lot. Spread the word and invite your neighbors and friends to join you for a fabulous dinner and fun for their kids and grandkids.

Begin now to pray that this event will impact our community for Christ and attract folks to our church.

Volunteers are needed to help work the games. Donations of candy (individually wrapped), pumpkins, bales of hay, and other fall decorating items are also needed. Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Eunice Lee to volunteer or to get more information.

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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 Missions

Wednesday

5:00 p.m. Children's Bells
5:30 p.m. Supper Line open
6:00 pm Library open
Children's Choirs
LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Young Professionals
6:45 p.m. Children's Missions
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



S.C. STATE FAIR MINISTRIES

October 13-14

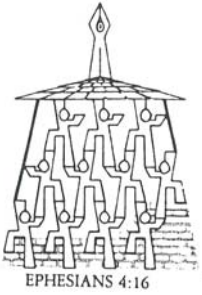
A Ministry Opportunity for Everyone

The Fair Ministry opportunities are: Preparing and serving food, prayer ministry, pastoral and chaplaincy ministry, literature distribution,

health screening, evangelism and creative arts.

There is a dire need for home-baked goodies for pre-fair ministries. Those who wish to help are asked to bring the goodies to the Church kitchen before 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 12th. Evelyn Dunlap will deliver to the State Fair.

For further information, call Brenda Hyatt or Grace Shepherd.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Sunday evening we looked at Ecclesiastes. This ancient book is as contemporary as today's newspaper, in fact it is more current as it is scripture that is alive and applies to each of us in our daily life. The writer of Ecclesiastes shared his reflection from his experiences in

his life that would seem 'rich' to most but actually was empty without God. Whether we realize it or not or choose to admit it, all of us are in a daily pursuit of fulfillment, purpose and joy in our lives. We, like the author of Ecclesiastes, seek this fulfillment in many ways. Sadly enough, many come to the end of life with regrets as the pursuits did not give us the life we thought they would. Others overlook and miss the daily joy of life as they have a desire for other things, as Jesus described with the seed sown among thorns in His parable of the soils.

Rabbi Harold Kushner wrote, When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough, based on Ecclesiastes search for a life that matters. I loved one sage piece of advice he shared from an unlikely source when he wrote, "I remember reading an interview once with an 85 year old woman from the hill country of Kentucky, who was asked to look back over her life and reflect on what she had learned. With that touch of wistfulness that inevitably accompanies any statement beginning 'If I had it to do over...', she said, 'If I had my life to live over, I would dare to make more mistakes next time. I would relax. I would be sillier, I would take fewer things seriously...I would eat more ice cream and less beans. I would perhaps have more actual troubles but fewer imaginary ones. You see, I am one of those persons who never went anyplace without a thermometer, a hot water bottle, a raincoat, and a parachute. If I had it to do again, I'd travel lighter.'" Jesus says it this way in Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Worship Services for Sunday, October 10

11 AM Dr. Bill Drees "In Christ"
We will observe the ordinance of Believers Baptism
6:00 p.m. Song of Songs

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Nina Suggs (birthday is 10/10)
 6144 Topsy Lane
 Effingham, SC. 29541-5028
 843-662-2857



MOUNTAIN APPLE TRIP
Monday, October 11 Cost: \$52
We depart at 8:00 a.m.
We still have room.
Contact me if you would like to go.



COMMUNITY PRAYER FOCUS

AREA 3


As we expand our Community Prayer Focus, please pray for all who live and work on State Street from Augusta Street to Meeting Street. As you cross State Street., pray for our neighbors who live between State Street and Alexander Road and from Augusta Street to Meeting Street. This area includes Sortwell St., Oliver St., Hudson St., Carpenter St., Court Ave., Norfolk St., and several blocks of Augusta Street. Area 3 is highlighted in yellow on our Community Prayer Focus Map on the bulletin board outside the office. This area, like our first two areas, is very diverse...including older adults, young professional couples, students and singles. Many of the founding members of our church lived in this area and some still have family members living in their homes. As you drive these streets, it will be easy to reminisce about days gone by when the community was bustling and our Sunday school rooms were filled. Our community needs our prayers, our church and Jesus!

Follow Paul's example in praying for the Jews..."Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved." Romans 10:1 (NIV)

Debra Gauden
 Prayer Coordinator



Janie Chapman
Offering
for State Missions
STATE GOAL:
\$2 million
FBC GOAL:
\$3,000
Received to Date:
\$ 2,533.50



Are you inviting people to your church? Are you friendly to guests and visitors? Maybe there is a spiritual issue in your life preventing you from being a friendly church member. The best thing that you and I can do each day is analyze our spiritual health through personally talking to Jesus about it. Be honest with yourself and Him. Are you where you need to be? Are you even saved? Remember, God is after your heart, not your religious practices. Love and walk with Him today and you will see an impact on church growth. I have always said that new flowers can grow when the garden is ready and healthy. What can you do to make the garden of our church happier and healthier? I want us to make church a place people want to be, not a place where they feel like they have to be.




Lighthouse Student Ministries

This week we officially begin our new schedule of events. Wednesday night we will visit our next nursing home and grab a bite to eat afterwards. We will do all of this in our regular 6-8 Lighthouse schedule. I enjoy doing ministry with our teens and our goal is to instill in them a lifestyle of missions where everyday they are looking for ways to reach out to those in need. We don't want to have only a missions mindset, but really more of a missions lifestyle.

Judgment House 2010
 October 27 is our date to hit this life changing event. Last year, one of our teens became a believer as a result of witnessing the Judgment House. This is one event you will want to bring your non-believing and non-churched friends to. Please pray about who you need to invite. There is no cost involved and we will all get a glimpse of the realities of heaven and hell. Church body, please be in prayer for our teens as they experience this event.

Jody



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
FLU SHOT CLINIC
BURRISS HALL
 Monday, October 11 7 - 11 a.m.
 Free with Medicare; otherwise \$25



Saturday, October 16
10 am - 2 pm
Taylor Family
Retreat House
Church Council Retreat


All members of Church Council are encouraged to attend this time of prayer, preparation and planning for the upcoming church year. See Pastor's column for more details.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Claudette Lorick
 by Transfer of Letter

Deacon: Jim Tindal



A "great big thank you" to those classes, groups and individuals who exemplified such Christian love and generosity in donating to the Women's Prison Ministry last month. It was a whopping success again this year, and your Church is extremely grateful to each of you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
"Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed"

This six week study written by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur and Priscilla Shirer and meets on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Sallie Bozard. Dinner is served each week. It's not too late for you to get involved. Come join us!!

If you have any questions, contact Melanie Ratcliffe at 530-4964.

VBS TEAM
 will meet **Sunday, October 10** at **4:30 p.m.**
 to begin making plans for next summer's **Vacation Bible School.**

EXTENDED SESSION HELP NEEDED
 Help is needed with our littlest ones on Sunday mornings. If you would be willing to help keep our children birth through age 3 during Morning Worship, please contact Jody Ratcliffe.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
October 10 – October 16, 2010**

Sunday, October 10

- 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. Finance Committee
- 4:30 p.m. VBS Team
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Monday, October 11

- 7-11 a.m. Flu Shot Clinic
- 8:00 a.m. Seniors Depart for Apple Trip
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, October 12

- 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, October 13

- 9:00 a.m. Archive Room Workers
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Bells
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service/Church Conf.
Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 16

- 10:00 a.m. Church Council Retreat
- 4:00 p.m. Deacon/Wives Fellowship

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
October 10, 2010

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Brenda Brown

EXTENDED TEACHING CARE
11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Toddlers
 Sara Frances Watson
 Carolyn Williams

Twos and Threes
 Anna Brown & Chris Miller

DEACON OF THE WEEK
 Paul Bessinger

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
 Grace Shepherd

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Gary & Terri Lee & Alex


Burriss Building
 Gerry Berry & Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level
 Jack & Virginia Hill

Side Door
 Adult 6 Dept.

WORSHIP GREETERS
 Azalee Anderson
 Linda Baker
 Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND
 Belinda Inabinet, Gary Lee


Hospital Update

Lexington Medical Center
 Robert McKay.

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


October 13
BBQ Sandwich
Baked Beans
Slaw
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.

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

The needed items for God's Helping Hand for October are **flour and cooking oil**. Thank you for the many toiletry items you donated these past few months. They have been distributed to those in need.

God's Helping Hands requests volunteers to work during the weekday mornings helping to sort clothes or working in the office. If you have a few hours you could give this organization, I know they would be appreciative. Contact Linda Keisler at GHH 791-4167.

***Pray every day for
 First Baptist Church!***