



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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FUNTASTIC FESTIVAL OF FAITH

Sunday, October 31 5-7 p.m.

Trunk or Treat Hay Ride Men's Cake
 Cake Walk Games and Prizes Baking Contest

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COMMUNITY PRAYER FOCUS

This week as we continue our Community Prayer Focus, I feel led to ask you to continue

to canvas and pray for Areas 1 and 2. These areas combined would include all streets from State Street to 9th Street between Meeting Street and C Ave. and all side streets. These two areas are highlighted in orange and blue on our Prayer Focus map on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

If you have not been participating in our ongoing Community Prayer Focus, please join us as we pray for our neighbors who live and work in these areas. Take time to drive these streets and pray for all those you see walking their dogs, playing at the playground, playing tennis, riding bikes, etc. And, pray of all those you don't see behind closed doors. Pray their hearts will feel our prayers. Remember, 73% of unchurched folks have NEVER been invited to church. Pray for courage to reach out and invite others. Pray that we, as individuals and as a church, will see and respond to every opportunity to reach the unchurched.

Please place emphasis this week on the children who attend the day care centers. If the day care is close enough for their parents to drop them off on a daily basis, then surely our church is not too far to bring them to God's school on Sunday. God hears your prayers and knows your heart.

"And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." Matthew 10:42 (NIV)

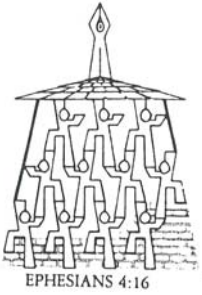
REGULAR SCHEDULE

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



THE PASTOR'S LINK

A few weeks ago I wrote about us being an 'all volunteer' work force as servants of our Lord through the ministry of FBCWC. First Baptist Church (or any church) can do only as much as our volunteers will allow us through unity in the body, the surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit in our lives while we grow in our walk together as well as our willingness to be used as humble servants. It is a delight to see the growing volunteer spirit in our midst.

Our Backpack Ministry is just one example. Many have volunteered to help with regular financial gifts. We are now helping 32 children with food at a cost of \$8 or less for each backpack each week. Many have volunteered to help with this growing ministry by packing bags, picking up groceries, delivering the packs and giving designated gifts on a regular basis.

Before the new church year began our Nominating Committee needed to fill 236 volunteer positions. It was exciting to hear their report presented with volunteers eager to serve our Lord on committees, ministry teams, teaching and leading our church to be the body of Christ in all we do.

I am meeting with our Church Council on October 16 as these leaders representing various ministries of FBCWC will gather together for prayer and planning to prepare our ministry calendar for the year. If you have ideas to share please contact the committee chair, ministry leader or staff members to help us expand our ministry in the days ahead. I look forward to what God is continuing to do with and through our growing work force of willing volunteer servants.

Worship Services for Sunday, October 3

**11 AM Dr. Bill Drees
"Anyone Means Everyone"**

**6:00 p.m.
Ecclesiastes**



HANDBELLS for adults will begin on Sunday, October 3. We will meet at 7 pm following evening worship. Contact me if you are interested and haven't already spoken to me.

**MOUNTAIN APPLE TRIP
Monday, October 11 Cost: \$52**

(you can get your flu shot before you leave!) includes motor coach transportation, stops for apples, admission to the NC State Arboretum and a visit to the Farmers Market in Asheville.

Lunch will be on your own at K and W Cafeteria
We still have room.

Contact me if you would like to go.

Thank you for your warm welcome and response to Christine Anderson this past weekend. Pray that God will continue to bless her in her ministry.



**Janie Chapman
Offering
for State Missions**
STATE GOAL:
\$2 million
FBC GOAL:
\$3,000
Received to Date:
\$ 2,273.50



A note of thanks has been received from the following and is posted on the bulletin board:

South Carolina WMU and the South Carolina Foster Parents Association thanking FBCWC for our donation of \$630.00 for the purchase of duffel bags and Bibles for foster children

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Mary Faulk
266A Caughman Way
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Lexington, SC 29072



God is leading Melanie and me to begin a home group this coming month on Sunday evenings. My research into church growth and the trends of my generation all point to home group being a great

way to introduce non-believers to the church.

Not surprisingly, even young believers are preferring the casual atmosphere and open discussion a home group offers. Although there is great benefit in our Sunday evening services, it does not appeal to one generation as it does to another.

Our home group will be about two hours long, include supper, and intentional Bible study focused on leading non-believers to the Lord. As you know, we recently moved into a neighborhood. It is full of non-church going folks and we believe God led us here to reach them. Don't worry, this is a ministry of FBC and you will see our group. We have planned times to all join in worship at the "main campus" at least once a month or so. Pray for us as we begin this new ministry. We will update you along the way.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

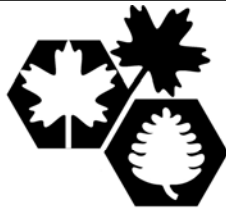
As God leads us into new ministry it is always more effective ministry. I don't believe He ever leads us away from something that is beneficial and working. If we are volunteers in finding out where He is working and go there, it will always mean changes of some kind. Simply put, we must expect God to be improving our ministries as we serve in them. We have a change coming up this week in our youth ministry. Beginning this Sunday, we will no longer be having any youth activities on Sunday nights. We will be moving our Nursing Home visitation to the first Wednesday night of each month. S.N.A.C will be incorporated into this night as well. We will not be losing any of our ministry in this change. I encourage all of our teens to attend worship service on Sunday evenings with the church body. There is great spiritual growth available. Melanie and I will be starting a home group for young couples this month on Sunday evenings and this has caused us to alter our Sunday evenings. Check out my other article for more info.

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.

**FUNTASTIC FESTIVAL
OF FAITH INFORMATION**

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.

**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.



**S.C. STATE FAIR MINISTRIES
October 13-14**

A Ministry Opportunity for Everyone
Samples or ministries include: Preparing and Serving food, Prayer ministry, Pastoral and Chaplaincy ministry, Literature distribution, Health screening and information, Evangelism, Creative Arts ministry.

We need lots of home-baked goodies for pre-fair ministries! Contact Susan Berry at (803) 356-2543.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

October 3 – October 9, 2010

Sunday, October 3

- 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

Monday, October 4

- 10:30 a.m. In Home Workers to Shealy's
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study

Tuesday, October 5

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:00 p.m. USC BCM

Wednesday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Archive Room Workers
- 10:00 a.m. In Home 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 7

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

Friday, October 8

- 1:00 p.m. Minister's Retreat

Saturday, October 9

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

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SPECIAL MINISTRIES

October 3, 2010

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXTENDED TEACHING CARE

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Toddlers

Paula & Brittany Barrett

Twos and Threes

Joy Knotts & Wanda Gunter

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Jim Tindal

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Greg Shepherd

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building

Nan Bannister

Front Lower Level

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

Side Door

Evelyn Dunlap

WORSHIP GREETERS

Margie Hazel

Brenda Hyatt

Iris Wellborn

Eunice Cromer

SOUND

Belinda Inabinet, Gary Lee

Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, September 27th there are no FBCWC members known to be in the hospital.

If you receive news of any church member of being in the hospital, please notify the office. We want to be aware of needs of our members.

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



**October 6
Large Fried Ham &
Cheese Sandwich
Potato Salad
Fried Okra
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!*