

# Tie - Binder



**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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## Promotion Sunday

## Sunday, August 21

Children will report to their current classes at 9:45 and will be taken to meet their new teachers during the Sunday School hour. Youth who have graduated from high school will be making a change and joining our Young Professionals Class.

If any adults desire to make a change to a different class or department, this is also the time to do that. There is a place for everyone in Sunday School and we want you to find the best one for you. Pray about where you are and be led by the Spirit about where you study the Bible each week.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM RESUMES AUGUST 24

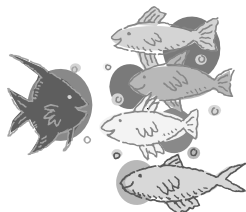
Our regular Wednesday night program of activities will resume on Wednesday, August 24 with activities for every member of the family.

We will observe the following schedule:

5:30 p.m.	Supper Line Opens
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs Acteens
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Service Youth Lighthouse Young Professionals
6:45 p.m.	Children's Mission Groups
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**RESERVATIONS ARE NECESSARY FOR SUPPER.** Reservation forms for supper are available in the sanctuary and can be placed in the offering plate or returned to the church office. You can also call the church office to make your reservation. **PLEASE NOTE:** If you come to supper without making a reservation, you will have to wait until everyone with a reservation has been served, so let us know by noon on Monday if you need a reservation. Permanent reservations can also be made.

**HELP NEEDED!** Paul Bessinger will again be catering our meals. A helper or two is needed to help with set-up and clean-up. If you would like to help in this ministry, contact Paul or the church office.



## NEW Member Class

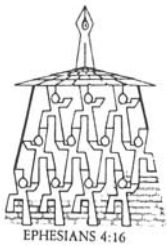
**Who:** New Members

**What:** New Members' Orientation Class

**When:** Sept. 4 - Sept. 25, 9:45 a.m.

**Where:** Conference Room

If you are a new member (or someone who has never attended a New Member Class) you are invited to join us for a four week Orientation Class. This four week class will help you DISCOVER First Baptist Church West Columbia in a new and special way. For additional information contact Jody Ratcliffe or Debra Gauden.



### THE PASTOR'S LINK

A song often heard in church proclaims, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place". The title describes what we have been experiencing in our midst at FBCWC. The song describes the sensation that comes when "God fills this place". God's presence and filling

have been so evident in so many ways at FBCWC. Instead of a 'summer slump' that many churches come to know as people take summer vacations we have seen a movement of the Spirit that has been evident in mission trips, worship experiences, giving, committee meetings and even in business conferences. Did you read that correctly...people experiencing a spirit of worship in a Baptist business meeting? **Yes!**

One of the reports given during our recent worship experience in our last business conference showed God's provision and blessings even in a struggling national economy. At the end of the month of July our budget receipts showed a slight deficit of \$3,619.50. With a budget that requires \$9,701.77 in weekly needs, this amounts to being less than three days behind in our budget. However, a better perspective on how the presence of the Lord is in this place can be seen by looking back and compare where we now are as opposed to where we were at the same time recently. At the end of the month of July last year our budget deficit was \$25,643.10. At the end of the month of July two years ago our budget deficit was \$32,396.89 (almost 10 times the amount of today). One person remarked, "I just can't see where this is coming from!" The answer is in the song, "Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place". As we remain unified following the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to experience the feeling expressed in the conclusion of the song as we can say, "my heart is overflowing with the fullness of this joy; I know without a doubt that I've been with the lord."

#### UPCOMING SERMONS BY OUR PASTOR

**Sunday, August 21**

AM "Change is Inevitable. Resistance is Optional"

Isaiah 43:18-19

We will observe Believer's Baptism

PM Small Groups Discipleship Studies

**Sunday, August 28**

AM "Why Does Job Fear God?"

Psalm 38:1

PM Small Groups Discipleship Studies



We are beginning a new year in Children's Choir on Wednesday, August 24 with the theme **The Big Picture**. All Children age 3 through grade 6 are invited to meet us in the Children's Choir area on the second floor of the Snyder Building at 6:00 p.m. **MUSIC TIME** will be for children age 4 through grade 1. **MUSIC MAKERS** will be for children in grades 2 - 6. Come join us!

**YOUTH CHOIR** for our teens in grades 7 - 12 will begin Sunday, August 21 at 4:30 p.m. Meet in the choir room and we will listen to some music and talk about what we will be doing. All youth are invited and encouraged to join us.

**SANCTUARY CHOIR** continues to meet weekly at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. We invite you to join us. Christmas is REALLY just around the corner.

**ADULT HANDBELLS** will also be gearing up soon. Contact me if you are interested in returning or joining up. I need to hear by September 4.

#### Note of Sympathy

The First Baptist Church staff and family express our heartfelt sympathy and love

...to Margaret Holland in the loss of her grandson, David Clark

...to Barbara Hayes and family in the loss of her sister, Debra Watts.



#### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS FROM LYNCH, KY

Prayer request from Heritage Ministries, Lynch, KY: Pray

for God to open doors for a location for storing and providing furniture for those in need.

Special Ministry Needs

Twin and Full sheet sets for use by visiting ministry teams (such as our team).

Men's new or nearly new tennis shoes.

(Boxes for these items are located under the pew outside the Chapel.)

#### HOMEBOUNDED MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Effie Shipley (birthday is 8/25)

Lexington Gardens room 108

190 McSwaim Dr.

West Columbia, SC 29169-4825

Jeannine and Sherry Branham

& 15 Hooksen Circle

West Columbia, SC 29169-2932



Promotion Sunday is this Sunday!

Each year, just after school begins, we would like to promote our students up to their next Sunday School class. This Sunday, please

take your child to their current Sunday School class and the teacher will take your child to the new class during the regular class hour. Please take your child to his or her new class beginning the next Sunday. We are already in prayer for your child as he or she makes this transition. This time of year is tough for families as they are adjusting to so many new things. Pray for our young families with children that they would find strength in the Lord and refreshment in Him. Once things speed up, they don't slow down until Christmas!

### Russian Missionary Support Requested

If you would be interested in helping our IMB missionaries begin a Special Needs Ministry in my former city, Khabarovsk I will have information available this Wednesday evening and Sunday for you. Financial support is needed to support two Russian Christians to receive training in the U.S and go back train Russian Baptist Churches in spreading the gospel to folks with special needs. You can make a donation by marking checks "Russian Mission."

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** still needs people to serve in the following positions:

Sunday School Director    WMU Missions Coordinator  
R.A. Director

If you would fill any of these positions, contact any member of the committee or Bill Drees.

### DUFFEL BAGS AND BIBLES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

2011 is S.C.'s 11th year of mission support for foster children in our state. The bags are \$12 and \$14, and the Bibles are (kids) \$8 and (youth) \$4, purchased in lots. Donations will be received until Sunday, August 28th.



Our G.A.'s will begin their new year with a special mission project. They will be collecting items for Hannah House, a local shelter for abused women and their children. The girls are collecting:

- Bibles
- Hygiene products
- cleaning supplies (trash bags, etc)
- paper products (toilet tissue, etc)
- diapers and pull-ups
- over-the-counter children's medicines (Tylenol, diaper rash cream, etc)

Donation boxes will be placed near the church office.



## Lighthouse Student Ministries

### Our New Fall Line-Up

Starting this Sunday, August 21 we begin a new schedule of youth activities. Youth Choir will meet at 4:30pm under the leadership of Mr. Charlton. I am encouraging all of our youth to come check it out. It should be a lot of fun. Then, at 5:15pm, the youth will meet for Small Group in the Lighthouse. This is a group dedicated to serious Bible study. We will conclude these youth activities at 6pm. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up at 6pm.

Beginning Wednesday, August 24, our youth girls are invited to join a new Acteens group at 6pm. Location is to be announced. This group will focus on missions and I am very excited about that. Youth Lighthouse will begin at 6:30pm each Wednesday night and conclude at 8:00pm.

If your child has signed up to participate in our Annual Fall Retreat, we will meet August 24 at 7:30pm in the Lighthouse for a Parent Conference. Please bring your child's insurance information. I will be giving out all the details on our upcoming trip! Please communicate with me if you wish your child to go this year.

*Jody*



### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Tina Smith  
For Believer's Baptism

### The Camille Graham Correctional Institution Picnic Saturday, September 10, 2011.

Volunteers and picnic food are requested. If anyone would like to go to fellowship with the inmates or serve meals, please sign up by Noon, August 25, 2011.

This year the picnic menu includes fried chicken, fresh/raw vegetables, dips (French Onion and Ranch only), peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, pimento cheese sandwiches, home-baked goodies, cakes (pre-sliced and wrapped individually) and chips. Wrap all foods in clear plastic, not foil, and bring all items to the Church by 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 10th.

For further information, contact Brenda Hyatt or Grace Shepherd."

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**Our Reports for August 7, 2011**

Sunday School	152	Guests	0
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>			
In-Home Ministry			26
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	16,133.52	
FSATAT	\$	125.00	
Youth Mission Trips	\$	256.19	
WMU - Pure Water	\$	50.00	
Backpack Ministry	\$	70.00	
Duffel Bags	\$	108.00	
Other	\$	380.00	
Total Received	\$	17,122.71	

**Our Reports for August 14, 2011**

Sunday School	154	2
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>		
In-Home Ministry		26
Helping Hands		98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands		105
National Health Care		24
Budget Receipts	\$	9,725.00
Library	\$	115.00
Youth Missions	\$	45.00
WMU - Pure Water	\$	100.00
Backpack Ministry	\$	137.00
Duffel Bags	\$	85.00
Other	\$	201.95
Total Received	\$	10,408.95



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

**August 24**

BBQ Pork  
 Rice & Hash, Slaw, Green Beans  
 Bread, Dessert, Rolls, Tea

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.**



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

*... Clyde & Johnnie Blackburn  
 ...Judy Caulder, Lynch, KY  
 ...Woman's Missionary Union*



The library is open  
 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday at 6 p.m.  
 Many book have  
 been checked out of  
 our library and never  
 returned. In the fu-  
 ture, you will receive a reminder to  
 return overdue books.

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

**FBCWC**

In memory of Kim Caughman  
 by Legare & Joyce Gunter, Dorothy  
 Thompson, Rick and Barbara  
 Rickenbaker, Iris Wellborn

In memory of Marsha Easler  
 by Dorothy Thompson

**BACK PACK MINISTRY**  
 In memory of Kim Caughman  
 by Miriam King

**YOUTH MISSIONS**  
In memory of David Clark  
 by Helen Ford

**DUFFEL BAGS AND BIBLES**  
 In honor of Iris Wellborn  
 by the New Discovery Class

**Hospital Update**

as of Tuesday, August 22  
**Lexington Medical Center**  
 Larry Prince, Sr.

**Palmetto Richland**  
 Gary Swancey

Sallie Bozard was in Baptist Medical  
 Center last week and was discharged  
 on Monday, August 22.

**CHURCH  
 COMMITTEE ORIENTATION  
 Sunday, August 28 5 pm**

All newly elected committee members  
 will meet in Burriss Hall to elect  
 officers and have a brief  
 time of orientation.