

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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Sunday, October 2, 2011

10:30 a.m.

Come Celebrate Our History ...Be Part of Our Future

Celebrating 115 years of Service, Worship, and Fellowship

On Sunday, October 2, our church will celebrate our 115th anniversary. We will have a special worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. (no Sunday School) followed by a covered dish lunch.

The worship service will include testimonies, special music, and a message from Pastor Emeritus Lonnie Shull.

Tours of the building will be available after lunch.

Invite your family to join you on this special day.

We also want to reach out to our community and invite them to

DISCOVER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

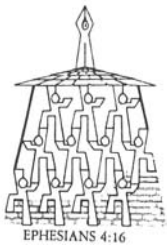
Pray that this day will be a great celebration that honors our God, celebrates our great heritage, and looks forward to where God will lead us from here.

We are asking each Sunday School class to 'tidy up' their room to help us make the best impression to members and guests as we will be giving several walking tours of the building. We are asking each class to clean up, throw out or remove items that are not regularly used to enhance the looks and/or contribute to a positive teaching atmosphere of the room. We have volunteers who are already coming during the day (and have planned to make a special effort on Thursday, September 29) to help eliminate 'clutter' that detracts and gives an untidy look to our church. Come help us out!!!

Discover Discipleship at First Baptist Church

We are excited to offer several opportunities for 'Discovery' in discipleship at First Baptist Church of West Columbia. On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm we will join together in Burriss Hall as we begin '**3:16, The Numbers of Hope**', a DVD based study for **adults of all ages** by Max Lucado. Bill Drees is leading this study in Burriss Hall.

We are also excited to offer two discipleship opportunities on Sunday evening. "Experiencing God" and "Fresh Encounter" are offered on Sundays at 6 pm. Charlton Bozard is leading the "Experiencing God" group in the conference room. Bill Drees is leading "Fresh Encounter" in Burriss Hall. There will be opportunities for deeper growth in our walk with the Lord for adults of all ages. These groups will meet again on October 9, so there is still time for you to get involved. Jody Ratcliffe will continue to lead our youth small group study at 5:15 p.m. on Sundays.



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Next Sunday, October 2 we will celebrate the 115th birthday (or anniversary of the founding) of First Baptist Church of West Columbia. Over the years I have learned the significance of certain birthday or anniversaries. The 10th anniversary is usually recognized by a diamond, tin or aluminum. A smart husband knows the better choice of those three. "But honey, think how romantic the rain on that new tin roof will sound," is not the statement of a husband who wants a happy 11th anniversary. Better opt for the diamond. The 15th anniversary is usually recognized by crystal. One can find that there is a suggested or designated gift for special anniversary recognitions. My wife and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary last year. The 30th year is recognized by the pearl. Doing one's homework is a worthwhile investment.

What do you give a church for a special anniversary or birthday? The best we can give our church is our total commitment to the head of the church, Jesus. Romans 12:1 urges us, "in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship". So according to God's word the best we can do is give ourselves as a "holy and pleasing" gift completely surrendering our all to Him as a living sacrifice. What if we came to church Sunday with a gift of being holy and pleasing in our relationship with our Lord? That means we have confessed, repented and received forgiveness for any transgression that is not holy or pleasing to God. What if we came in a reconciled relationship with our fellow man? That means asking forgiveness where we have wronged brothers and sisters and forgiving those who have wronged us so we can love and forgive as God loves and forgives us? What if Sunday's celebration saw us coming to worship with an attitude of expectancy praying and seeking to be filled with the Spirit? What if Sunday saw us committed to tithe as an act of obedience and give as an act of love? What if we had so much fun giving our selves completely to God in all of these areas in our lives that we did it continually for the rest of our lives? Now you are talking about a gift that is a keeper! I look forward to seeing you and having a great celebration Sunday as we give ourselves completely to our Lord.

Bill

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Nina Suggs (birthday is October 10)
6144 Topsy Lane
Effingham, SC 29541-5028

Genevieve Shampy (birthday is October 11)
2904 Shampy St.
West Columbia, SC 2910-2650



We are looking forward to a fabulous day as we gather this Sunday to celebrate 115 years of serving Christ on the corner of State Street and B Avenue. Sanctuary Choir and our Student Singers will be singing as part of the service. **Student Singers**, please meet with Matt and me in the sanctuary at 9:30. **Sanctuary Choir** will meeting in the choir room at 10 a.m.

LUNCH BUNCH is headed to Shealy's on Monday, October 3 leaving at 10:30. The bus is full, but if you want to be on a waiting list, call me now!

MOUNTAIN APPLE TRIP

Monday, October 17 Cost is \$45 (big bus)

We will visit Justus Orchard in Hendersonville and ride up to Asheville for lunch (on your own) at the J & S Cafeteria and a stop at the NC Farmers Market. Join us for a great fall day in the mountains!!!

Contact me to get on the list!
Plenty of seats are available.

A UNIQUE CHRISTMAS TRIP!!!! AN EVENING WITH MARK LOWRY AND FRIENDS (actually an afternoon)

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

White Oak Conference Center

We will depart at 10:30 a.m., have lunch at White Oak, and enjoy the comedy and music of Mark Lowry at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$30 includes transportation and lunch

Only three seats remain on our bus. Please plan to pay your \$30 by October 20.



NEED SOME EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING?

I have the new CD by the SC Baptist Singing Churchmen (\$15) as well as my piano CD, "I Surrender All" (\$8) available. Great stocking stuffers!! Shop early!

Charlton

UPCOMING SERMONS BY OUR PASTOR

Sunday, October 2 115th Anniversary Celebration
10:30 AM Pastor Emeritus Lonnie Shull preaching

Sunday, October 9
AM "Do You Want to be Well"
John 5:1-9

PM Small Groups Discipleship Studies



**Trunk or Treat
Sunday, October 30
5:30-7:00pm**

Planning is under way for our Annual Fall Festival. Each year we have met many people from our community and shared who we are and introduced people to Jesus Christ. This is a total church effort. There are many ways you can be a part of this outreach ministry. First, we are asking for you to come and "host a trunk." Kids will be coming by your car to trick or treat. You may give them candy or other gifts and show them the love of Jesus. You may come and enjoy the festivities and be a "greeter" specifically searching out guests and inviting them to church. You can also donate candy or make a contribution to help us provide prizes and food for those who come. Please mark donations Trunk or Treat. Please pray about how you can join in and reach out to our community.



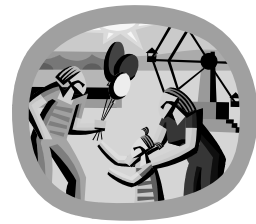
Lighthouse Student Ministries

**Youth SMASH!
Sundays 4:30-6:00pm**

Student Singers meet first and then Serious Study. We are in the book of Mark studying the words and actions of Jesus as our role model.

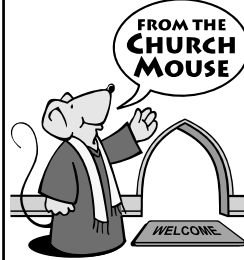
**Halloween Lock-In
Friday, October 28 7pm-9am
Cost: \$10**

This "Old School" lock-in will meet at the church and be staying at the church all night. Please have your child eat supper before they arrive. We will have midnight nachos, a movie showing, games, and 2 Scripture studies. I will be taking them to breakfast in town in the morning. Note the pick up time. You can sleep in a little bit, but please be here at 9am. Our teens may invite friends, but I need to meet the parents at least a week before the lock-in for the friend to be able to attend. Please bring the \$10 in cash as we will be using this for breakfast.



STATE FAIR MINISTRY

The WMU will collect cookies and cake slices for the fair ministry this year. Place one cake slice or three cookies to a plastic bag. Bring these items to the church by 8:30 am Tuesday, October 11.



Ashlie Hudson has been selected as a Student Ambassador with "People to People". She will be travelling to Scotland, Ireland and Wales with other ambassadors for three weeks during the summer of 2012. **Congratulations, Ashlie.**

For information on ways to support Ashlie, contact her family.



FLU SHOT CLINIC

Monday, October 3
7:30 -10:39 a.m.
Burriss Hall
No Appointment Necessary!
HELP SPREAD THE WORD

Shots are FREE with Medicare Part B. Otherwise, cost is \$25.



**Janie Chapman Offering
for State Missions,
Missions Education and
Experiencing Kingdom Life**

**State Goal: \$2,000,000
First Baptist Goal: \$3,000
Received to Date: \$1,686.00**

SPECIAL MUSIC MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Next Spring, the SC Baptist Singing Churchmen will go on a mission tour to the Dominican Republic. They will be working with the missionaries to present concerts and attract crowds so that the Gospel can be shared. Our Minister of Music, Charlton Bozard, serves as the accompanist for the group.

The cost for the trip will be around \$1,000.00. The group is trying to make arrangements now in case prices and airfares go up! If you would like to help Charlton in meeting the expenses for this trip, please talk to him. Any donations you care to make will need to be made directly to him (for tax purposes). At any rate, begin now to pray for the 45 Singing Churchmen who have committed to the trip and the impact they will have in the Dominican Republic.



Sincere thanks to our Church Family for the tremendous response to the Camille Graham Prison Picnic. It was only with your cooperation and support that our Church was able to participate fully in this program again this year.



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Our Reports for September 18, 2011

Sunday School 138 Guests 2
Off-Campus Ministries
 In-Home Ministry 26
 Helping Hands 98
 Hope Bridge/Helping Hands 105
 National Health Care 24

Budget Receipts	\$	8,441.00
WMU/GA's	\$	50.00
Janie Chapman	\$	525.00
Youth	\$	20.00
Backpack Ministry	\$	100.00
Bus	\$	1,150.00
Other	\$	277.00
Total Received	\$	10,563.00

Our Reports for September 25, 2011

Sunday School 159 Guests 8
Off-Campus Ministries
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 National Health Care 24

Budget Receipts	\$	4,742.50
FSATAT	\$	50.00
Janie Chapman	\$	121.00
Youth	\$	20.00
Bus Fund	\$	145.00
Backpack Ministry	\$	115.00
Other	\$	581.00
Total Received	\$	5,774.50



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

October 5
 BBQ Pork, Rice & Hash
 Green Beans, Slaw
 Bread, Dessert, Tea

October 12
 Chicken Bog
 Slaw, Rolls
 Texas Sheet Cake, 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.

SPECIAL GIFTS

BUS FUND

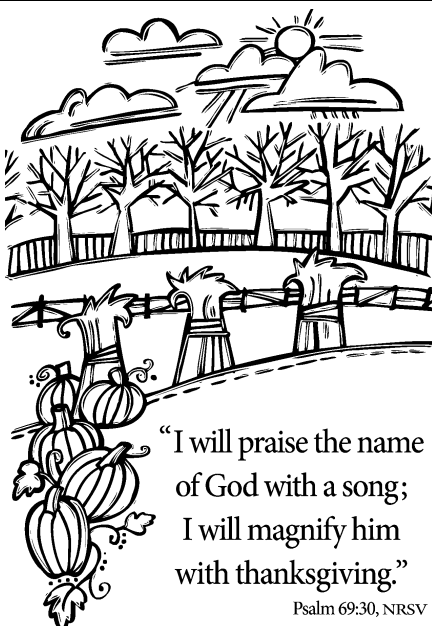
In loving memory of Jim Schafer
 by Sandra Moats, Sanctuary Choir,
 Amelia Schafer, Sara
 Frances Watson, John, Lois,
 Melinda and John Gaskins,
 Winsome Sunday School Class,
 Becky Baston, Kirk and Katie Baston,
 Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Winslow

BACK PACK MINISTRY

In loving memory of Jim Schafer
 by Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In loving memory of Miriam Brown
 by Martin Brown



Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, September 27, no church members were known to be hospitalized.

Glenn Duke is recuperating at home from his stay in LMC last week.
 Greg Shepherd will have outpatient shoulder surgery on Thursday, September 29.

Pray every day for First Baptist Church!