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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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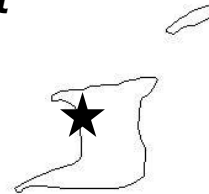
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Discover Missions at First Baptist

Kentucky Missions 2011, June 27 – July 1

Total cost - \$130



Trinidad Missions 2011, July 16-23

Total cost - \$1000

We currently have 14 volunteers planning to go to Lynch, KY. Others are praying about their involvement in this trip. Our youth will be on mission with World Changers the 2nd week in July. God has also opened the door for two additional volunteers for our Trinidad mission team. We will be doing VBS work in the mornings, prayer walking, tract distribution and evangelism in the afternoons, worship and leadership training in the evenings. Don't let money be a factor if you believe God is calling you to go. I have learned that God always provides for those whom He calls! I have until May 10 to fill the extra seats for Trinidad. Pray for these trips and contact the office with questions

Volunteers for the Kentucky and Trinidad mission trips will meet on Sunday, May 1 at 4 pm. This is a very important meeting for both trips. Anyone planning to go on either trip should be present.

Five Sunday Evenings in May and June

To follow Acts 1:8 and witness in our own Jerusalem (neighborhood) we are setting aside 5 Sunday evenings in May and June to encourage FBCWC members to use that time to become more mission minded in our own neighborhood.

On May 1 we encourage you to make a conscious effort to get to know 5 neighbors not currently active in church.

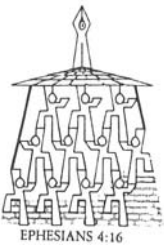
On May 15 spend that time praying for those 5 neighbors.

Designate June 5 to invite the 5 neighbors to your home for a fellowship meal or snack.

June 12 will be used to invite the 5 neighbors into your home as you share your Christian testimony.

June 26 will be set aside to invite the 5 with whom we have cultivated the friendship to have a time of Bible reading/discussion together.

Begin praying about these 5 special Sunday evenings as an outreach effort to become intentionally missional in our 'Jerusalem'!



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Before ascending to Heaven, where He sits at the right hand of the Father waiting for us to join them for eternal life and joy, Jesus gave us some instructions to use us in including as many as we can in that eternal fellowship in Heaven. In

Acts 1:8 he tells us; "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus is telling us, once we are born again (and receive the power of the Holy Spirit) it is our mission to follow his assignment to be his witnesses (tell what we know to be true by our own experience in Him). We are to start in our own city or neighborhood and spread out from there.

All studies show (and have shown for years) that the best way to get people to come to Jesus or to church is an invitation from a friend. Most of us have friends who are not active in church or a relationship with Jesus. Have you invited them to come to church with you? Many of us have people in our neighborhoods that we know well, some we know only well enough to wave in passing or others we still have not met. In an effort to follow Acts 1:8 and become better witnesses in our own Jerusalem (our neighborhood) we are setting aside 5 Sunday evenings in May and June to encourage FBCWC members to use that time to become more mission minded in our own neighborhood. **The first Sunday evening** (May 1) we encourage FBCWC members to make a conscious effort to get to know the name of 5 neighbors who are not currently active in church. **The second Sunday evening (May 15)** we ask you to spend that time praying for those 5 neighbors. **The third Sunday evening (June 5)** should be spent inviting the 5 neighbors to your home for a fellowship meal. **The 4th Sunday evening (June 12)** will be a time to invite the 5 neighbors back into your home, perhaps light refreshments, as you share your Christian testimony. **The fifth Sunday (June 26)** will encourage each of us to invite the 5 with whom we have cultivated the friendship and have a time of Bible reading/discussion together. We encourage each member to begin praying about these 5 special Sunday evenings as an outreach effort to become intentionally missional in our 'Jerusalem'. Let's begin now praying and working to have an Acts 1:8 summer for God's Glory.

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Violet Wood (Birthday is May 1)
1226 H Avenue West Columbia, 29169

Martha Leaphart (Birthday is May 7)
1104 D Avenue West Columbia, SC 29169



First of all, let me publicly thank our **Sanctuary Choir** for the beautiful worship experience of "I Know My Redeemer Lives". Thank you, church family for your kind comments. Our prayer was that it would touch your hearts, and we believe God answered those prayers. And thanks to our children for a beautiful job in singing on Easter Sunday. Your singing and ringing added much to our worship.

COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 22 6 p.m.

Broadacres Baptist Church

This is our service we usually have at the river, but since we have gotten rained out the last few years, we are planning it for indoors. Choirs from several churches in the area will present music together and individually and Bill Drees will bring a devotional message. Fellowship time will follow, so bring some goodies to share.

BEST YET TO COME Thursday, May 19 11 a.m.



Our last meeting for the year will feature the Jubilant Singers and the musical "Faith of our Fathers"

We will meet in the sanctuary for the program.

This is our busy "Spring Concert Season" for Jubilant Singers, so please remember us in your prayers.

I will be on tour with the **SC Baptist Singing Churchmen** April 26 - May 3. We are travelling to the Washington, DC and Baltimore areas to present concerts and take part in mission activities.

Please see page 4 for information about a CD I have made.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Sunday, May 1

AM "What Are We Doing?"
Matthew 28:18-20

PM No service at church
Learn names of 5 unchurched neighbors

Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day

AM "What Has Jesus Commanded?"
John 15:9-12

No evening activities.



The church that stays passionate for Jesus Christ is the church that is on mission for Him. You can see there are several planned activities for you to join in on and be on mission for Him. Don't wait for someone to plan something, though. Missions begin on your street, at your job, while you are shopping, and anywhere "as you go" like Jesus said. So, DISCOVER GOD by DISCOVERING MISSIONS right now. This is our 2011 Church Theme: Discover First Baptist Church and what you can DO for God to be shared with others.



BIG APPLE ADVENTURE!
June 12-16 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Coney Island Fun Day
Saturday, June 11 4-6pm

Come out to pre-register for VBS, grab a hot dog, play in the sand, ride a train, and begin to enjoy THE BIG APPLE! Please

share this event with any children in your neighborhood!

Be a Cheerful Giver

It's hard to believe that the first quarter of 2011 has come and gone. Now that tax season is over we should all know exactly what we gave last year compared to our income. Tithing may seem like an unattainable goal, but how about a 10% increase in what you gave last year. Now that's a goal we can all achieve. If you gave \$10 a week, increase your giving to \$11. If you gave \$100 a week increase your giving to \$110. If we all accept this challenge, a little **will** go a long way. As Pastor Bill reminds us, we need to all work together, step by step.

As we enjoy the beauty of spring, outdoor activities, festivals and family gatherings, we are likely to miss a Sunday (or two). Remember, church friends, our church budget requirements do not take a weekend off. Salaries, utilities, Sunday School materials, etc. are year round expenses. Suggestion: If you know you're going to be away, give your tithes and offerings in advance. It's much easier than catching up!

Pray, serve, give so that others will DISCOVER First Baptist Church West Columbia and come to know and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

"Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Debra Gauden, Finance Committee Chair



Lighthouse Student Ministries

We want to welcome two new youth members to our church this week. I am looking forward to getting to know Katie and Whitney better. Pray for them as we begin talking about member expectations and how God is at work in their lives. The teenage years are turbulent, more so than when you or I were in their shoes. Our church and our youth program will do all we can to equip these girls and every teenager God brings us to live for the Lord Jesus Christ everyday. We are very thankful that even after they graduate, we have a great singles program to welcome them too. Praise God for giving us all we need for life and for godliness.

Welcome, New Members

April 17, 2011



Raymond Kight
by transfer of membership

April 24, 2011



Whitney Jones
by transfer of membership



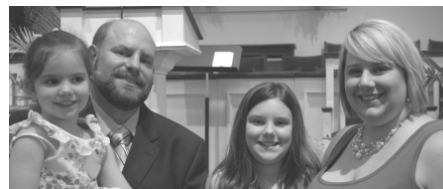
Katie Jones
by transfer of membership



Robbie and Terry Smith
by transfer of membership



Stephen, Alexis and
Abby Smith
by transfer of membership



Rich, Melissa and
Savannah Wandover
by transfer of membership



MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

Again this year, you will have an opportunity to place roses in a beautiful arrangement in the sanctuary in honor or memory of your mother. Forms are available in the church office and at sanctuary entrances. Cost is \$5 per rose. **Deadline to order is Sunday, May 1.**

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Our Reports for April 17, 2011

Sunday School 160 Guests 5

Off-Campus Ministries

In-Home Ministry	29
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	8,130.84
Annie Armstrong	\$	304.00
FSATAT	\$	105.00
WMU/ Pure Water	\$	100.00
Benevolence	\$	20.00
Back Packs	\$	199.06
Other	\$	677.00
Total Received	\$	9,535.90

Our Reports for April 24, 2011

Sunday School Guests

Off-Campus Ministries

In-Home Ministry	29
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	6,957.73
Annie Armstrong	\$	91.00
Back Packs	\$	45.00
God's Helping Hands	\$	604.00
(Sunrise Service)		
WMU - Pure Water	\$	50.00
Other	\$	415.00
Total Received	\$	8,162.73



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

May 4, 2011

Roast Beef
 Rice & Gravy, Green Beans
 Rolls, Dessert

May 11, 2011

Fried Chicken
 Potato Salad, Corn
 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.



As of Tuesday, April 26,
 no church members were known to
 be hospitalized.

Did you know?

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual, national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.
Join us on Thursday, May 5 at 12 noon at Springdale Town Hall for a special time of prayer.

"I Surrender All"

Piano Meditations by Charlton Bozard I have put together (with the help of Ken Clubb) a CD of 18 of my original hymn arrangements for piano. If you would like one, contact me or Janet in the church office.
 Cost is \$8.
 We hope it will be a blessing to you and all who hear it.



NATIONAL GOAL \$70 million
FBCWC GOAL \$4,000
RECEIVED \$3,035.00

*Pray every day for
 First Baptist Church!*