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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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DEACON ELECTION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 14



Deacon Election will be held on August 14 at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The church body in attendance will be provided ballots allowing up to six names per ballot to nominate. Absentee ballots will be available in the church office August 8-12.

Each voting member is encouraged to nominate only the number of candidates they believe are Biblically qualified. A list of men eligible according to the church constitution is available in the church office. Men who do not wish to serve or be listed as eligible are asked to notify the church as soon as possible to have their names removed from the list.

The following men are currently serving as deacon or are scheduled to rotate off this year and are therefore ineligible for election:

Kevin Barfield, Bernard Bourne, Marion Gunter, Jim Shealy, Jim Tindal,
Paul Bessinger, Jim Schafer, Glenn Duke, Allan Murray

Thank you for your prayerful attention to this important matter.



Church Photo Directory

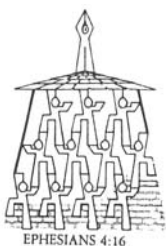
It's nearly time to take our pictures! The schedule for the August 9th, 19th and 20th are full. An **additional day** has been set up for photography sessions on **Monday, August 8th from 1:00 to 8:30 pm**. There is no cost to be photographed and you will receive a free 8x10 photo. We expect the schedule to fill up quickly, so stop by the tables near the church library, contact the church office, or go online from our church website to make your appointment.

One of the unique things about this directory is the opportunities it provides you to be involved in outreach and missions. Pick up a sheet at the sanctuary doors for more information.

*You are encouraged to invite **family and friends** who may not be members of our church to have their photos professionally made. Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and church members will receive a pictorial directory. The extra pictorial directories from non-member participation will go to the church and be available for new members. You will find brochures in the Sunday School classes and located in common areas around the church. Take several and share them encouraging others to participate.

** Through the LifeTouch **Giving Back** ministry, we have developed a mission project "Caring through Sharing" in which we encourage each household who is being photographed to bring with you an item, such as school supplies, non-perishable pantry items or personal items such as tissue, hand lotion, note paper & pen, tooth brushes & tooth paste, etc. Those who participate by bringing one of these items to your photography session will receive a \$5 off coupon toward purchase of additional portraits. You are not required to make a purchase, however, individual portraits and packages will be available. The items you share will be distributed through our church's current mission programs.

MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!!!



EPHESIANS 4:16

THE PASTOR'S LINK

People have long listed 5 Biblical purposes of a church as follows: Worship, Ministry, Mission, Fellowship and Discipleship. A healthy church (as well as healthy mature believers) balances those 5 purposes. If all one does is come to worship or focus on one or two of those 5 there is a lack of balance and maturity in the church and the life of the believer. Spiritual maturity is the result as we all worship, do ministry & missions, growing in our fellowship with God as well as with one another developing in discipleship. I realize that last sentence is a mouthful but my prayer for First Baptist and you is that we continue to grow in that balance and maturity in our Spiritual pilgrimage.

As your pastor I continue to seek as many opportunities for all of us to experience the balance in these 5 purposes. This busy summer has involved many occasions for those purposes. I encourage you to take advantage of more chances for growth in discipleship with our small group studies on Sunday evenings as well as our Wednesday evening times of prayer and Bible study.

On August 17 I will begin a new Wednesday evening series of studies focusing on Spiritual disciplines such as meditation, prayer & fasting, solitude, submission & service and worship. Sunday evenings will continue to have our youth small group, Beth Moore study and I will continue teaching 'Living in the Spirit'. I pray that you will take advantage of every opportunity for Spiritual growth and maturity as the body of Christ.

UPCOMING SERMONS

Sunday, August 7

AM Kentucky and Trinidad Mission Testimonies
GA Recognition

PM Small Groups Discipleship Studies

Sunday, August 14

AM "Choose Men Known to be Full of the Spirit"
Acts 6:1-7

PM Small Groups Discipleship Studies



Back to School

Pray for our students and teachers as they prepare to begin a new school year this month. First day in Lexington District 2 is Wednesday, August 17.



YOUNG MUSICIAN CAMP was a great experience for everybody who spent the week at White Oak. There were nearly 150 kids in the choir and they sang beautifully! Thanks to Sallie Bozard and Wanda Gunter for taking care of the girls and to Larry and Anne Brown for helping get us there!

We look forward now to the start of the new year in Children's Choirs and Mission Groups coming up on August 24. Be watching for details!!

As we look toward the new church year, it's a great time for you to involve your family in making music for our Lord. Sanctuary Choir will soon begin singing Christmas music (can you believe that!) and would love to add your voice to ours. Come join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

YOUTH PEOPLE!!!! A choir for you will begin on Sunday, August 21 in the choir room. All youth in grades 7 - 12 are invited and encouraged to be part of this new group. Call me if you have questions.

SUNDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Come join in one of our small groups:

"Believing God" by Beth Moore is being led by Cathy Drees and will meet in Burriss Hall at 6 pm.

Our youth are studying "What We Believe" and will meet at the church at 5:15.

Bill Drees is leading a study of "Living in the Spirit" in the chapel at 6 pm. Topics for the next few weeks are:

August 7 - The Holy Spirit in the Beginning

August 14 - The Holy Spirit in Belief

August 21 - The Holy Spirit in Believers

August 28 - Baptism and Filling of the Holy Spirit

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Colette Hutto (birthday is August 5)
Azalea Woods Nursing Facility
123 Dupont Dr. NE
Aiken, SC 29801

Sarah Jones
1225 f Avenue
West Columbia, SC 29169



Sundays are always a day of special blessings if you come to serve and worship in spirit and truth. This past Sunday was a day of blessing. We saw many people respond before the church with

their desire to join our family as church members.

Let me brag on First Baptist West Columbia for a second. When a person decides to join our family, they have been led by the Lord because here is where God wants to feed them spiritually. To be a place God is calling people to is a privilege for us. God is doing something among us, through us, and with us. I have said for years that until the "garden" is ready we will not see growth. The garden is us, our church, our attitudes, and our faith. Sunday was evidence to me that our garden is steadily becoming healthier. When believers say, "FBC is where I am being fed and where I want to be to worship God and serve Him", God will bless us with a future and a hope. Join me in celebrating God's blessing on our church family.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Roberta Kanapaska
by Believer's Baptism



Wes and Leanne Munn
by Transfer of Membership



Dale Smith
by Believer's Baptism



Stephen Murray
by Transfer of Membership



Lighthouse Student Ministries

I want to thank Wilbur and Phyllis Johnson for hosting our Youth Discipleship Group for the last four weeks. They have opened up their home to the youth and we have had wonderful times of Bible Study and fellowship. God has blessed our youth ministry through The Johnson's. His hand has been on our youth this summer. I believe we have a group that is hungry for God's word and wants to experience an exciting spiritual life.

2011 Fall Retreat Sept. 3-5
Cost: \$100

I am excited to begin promotion for our Annual Whitewater Retreat! Each year on Labor Day Weekend we head to the mountains of North Carolina. We focus on growing in our walk with the Lord and growing closer together as a group. Parents should have received a letter with all the information last week. We have an all new group of students! I am thrilled at how God is at work in our youth ministry. Our students are hungry for God's Word and for missions! The total cost will include food, lodging, and the whitewater adventure. New this year: we have a participation policy for those wanting to go with us. Your student needs to attend church and youth activities 6 times between now and the end of August to be able to attend the retreat. This adds a richness to the group that goes, making sure we take only the most serious and committed students.

Jody

DISCOVER FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



GA RECOGNITION

Sunday, August 7, 2011
during morning worship
Leaders Julie Barfield and Cheryl Simpson
invite you to share in this special time.



The First Baptist Church staff and family extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to...
...Allan and Becky Murray in the recent loss of their daughter, Kim Murray Caughtman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Be in prayer for these folks as they seek to fill leadership positions for the new church year.

Evelyn Dunlap, Sid Gauden
Eunice Lee, Greg Shepherd
Sharon Snyder, chair



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Our Reports for July 24, 2011

Sunday School	133	Guests	4
Off-Campus Ministries			
In-Home Ministry			29
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	7,841.14	
WMU/Pure Water	\$	75.00	
Youth	\$	20.00	
Back Packs	\$	27.00	
Duffel Bags	\$	20.00	
Discipleship Train.	\$	58.91	
Total Received	\$	8,042.05	

Our Reports for July 31, 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	\$	6,714.95	
FSATAT	\$	25.00	
Duffel Bags	\$	185.00	
Youth	\$	20.00	
Backpack Ministry	\$	70.00	
Trinidad Mission	\$	30.00	
Total Received	\$	7,044.95	

 **Hospital Update**

Providence Hospital
 Wilbur Johnson

Bill Gaskin has been moved to Heartland of Lexington for rehab following his knee replacement

CONGRATULATIONS!

...to Becky Baston on the birth of a granddaughter, Savannah Baston on July 27, 2011. The proud parents are Drs. Kirk and Katie Baston of El Paso, Texas.

SPECIAL GIFTS

FBCWC

In memory of Nellie Adkins
 by Ray and Margie Adkins

In memory of Edna Hammett
 by Catherine Driggers

In memory of Kim Murray Caughman
 by Mayo Bryant, Joyce Crider

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS
In memory of Edna Hammett
 by Evelyn Smith

PRESCHOOL

In honor of Sallie Bozard
 and
In memory of Doris Brewer
 by Dorothy Thompson

YOUTH MISSIONS

In memory of Randolph Crider
 by Iris Wellborn



DUFFEL BAGS AND BIBLES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

2011 is S.C.'s 11th year of mission support for foster children in our state. The goal of the S.C. WMU this year is to provide 2500 duffel bags and Bibles. 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.

