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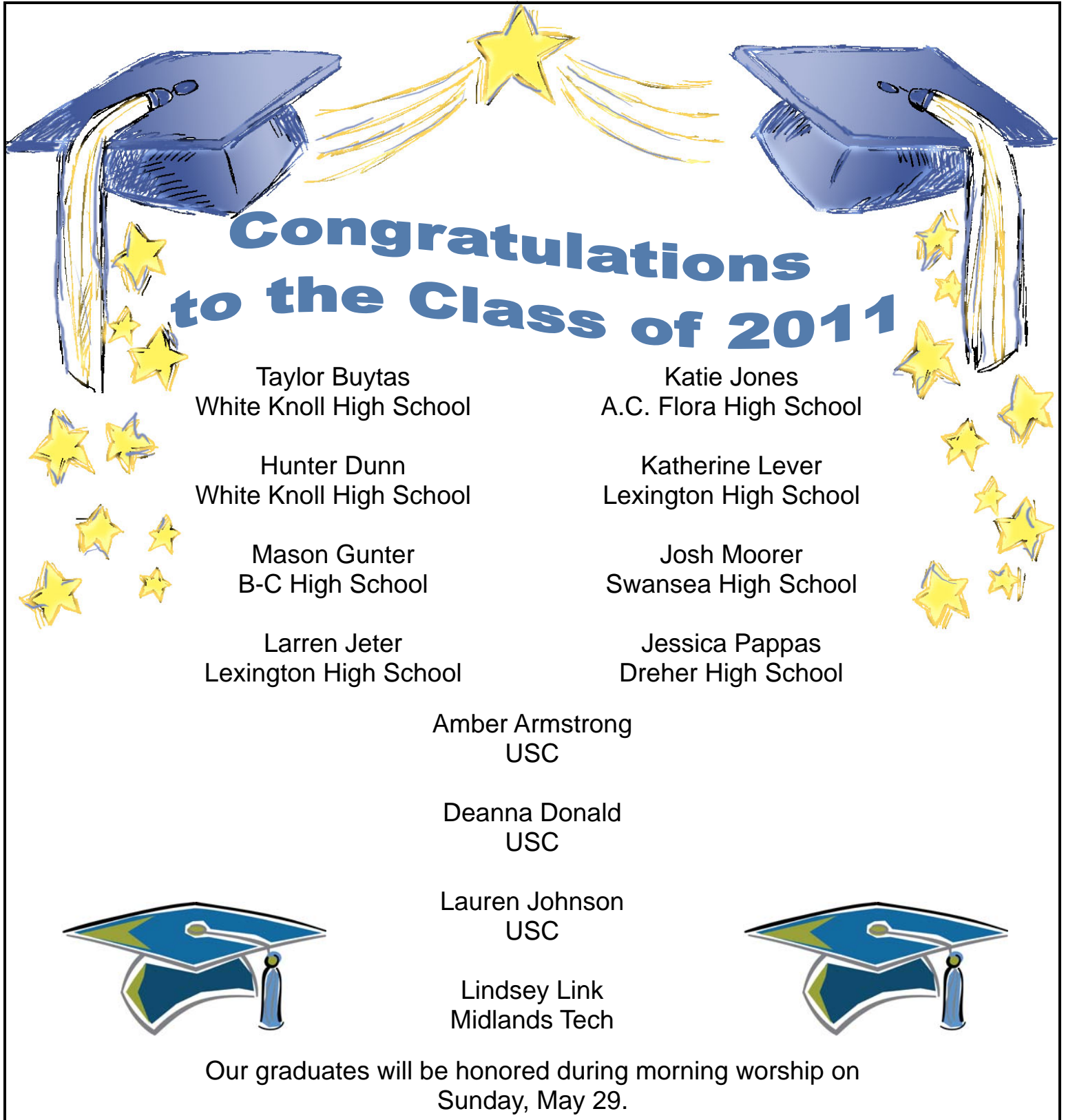
“So whether you eat or drink or whatever  
you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:31

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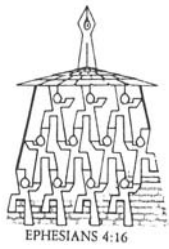
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## Congratulations to the Class of 2011

Taylor Buytas White Knoll High School	Katie Jones A.C. Flora High School
Hunter Dunn White Knoll High School	Katherine Lever Lexington High School
Mason Gunter B-C High School	Josh Moorer Swansea High School
Larren Jeter Lexington High School	Jessica Pappas Dreher High School
	Amber Armstrong USC
	Deanna Donald USC
	Lauren Johnson USC
	Lindsey Link Midlands Tech

Our graduates will be honored during morning worship on  
Sunday, May 29.



**THE PASTOR'S LINK**

A year ago I was making funeral arrangements for my father. Next month marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year since I did the same for my mother. They loved, sacrificed and provided examples giving me the strong positive foundation that helped my life be what it is today. As a fitting memorial I try to live each day in a fashion that would honor their name and make them proud. In a few weeks we acknowledge, with Memorial Day, the ultimate sacrifice of those who allow us the lives we enjoy today. People have different ways to celebrate Memorial Day. As a fitting memorial to the sacrifice we should strive to be the best citizens protecting and keeping the freedom and rights that are the foundation of our country. It is important to remember and memorialize those who paved the way, provided examples and made sacrifices that allow us the opportunities and lives we enjoy today.

2000 years ago God gave His only son as an example of the way to live. Jesus would later willingly give His life as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for our shortcomings. As a fitting memorial to His sacrificial gift we can follow Ephesians 4 and "live a life worthy of the calling you have received." We can use our Spiritual gifts to build up His church so it will grow in maturity and love, "as each part does its work." Remember we are part of the same body and live honest lives. Don't let anger cause you to sin giving the devil a chance. Be honest and work hard, so you will have something to give to people in need. Watch your language and try to say the right thing at the right time and help others by what you say. "Don't make God's Spirit sad because He makes you sure that someday you will be free from your sins. Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude. Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ." This is a fitting way to live and honor Christ.



Thanks to our children singing so beautifully this year. It has been a great year for our children's choirs. We are losing several girls as they move into the age of being youth! So be watching for some Youth Music Activity in the fall.

I want to thank our leaders: Sallie Bozard, Cathy Drees, and Wanda Gunter have worked with our smallest preschoolers; Amelia Schafer and Becky Murray have led our Music Makers; and Karen Rollison has helped me with the Young Musicians. These ladies are a great asset to our Children's Choir program and I appreciate their willingness to work with our young singers.

**YOUNG MUSICIANS CAMP** will be coming up July 25-29 and several of our children are planning to go. More details will follow. **KIDS AND PARENTS**, I need your information as soon as possible if you have not already given it to me.

Thanks also to our **Sanctuary Choir** for making the trip over to Broadacres for our Community Worship Service. It's always fun to come together with other groups to sing and worship. Thanks for a glorious day of music in worship.



**5th Sunday Night Covered Dish Supper**

**Sunday, May 29**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Burriss Hall**  
 Bring your favorite dishes and join us!

**UPCOMING SERMONS**

**Sunday, May 29 Graduate Recognition**  
**"Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future"**  
**Joshua 3 & 4**

**Sunday Evening - 5th Sunday Night Supper**

**Sunday, June 5**  
**"Let Go of Grudges"**  
**Mark 11:25-26**

**Evening Mission Activity**

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK**

Merita Dunlap (birthday is June 7)  
 Pelion Elder Care  
 P.O. Box 206  
 Pelion, SC 29123-0206

Jean Williams  
 1919 Hallman Street  
 West Columbia, SC 29169





**Next Steps**

One area that pastors have identified as essential to church growth is the people having very clear "next steps". New Believers need clear next steps. New church members need clear next steps. Come to think of it, EVERY believer needs clear next steps in their faith. Now, let's not throw a PROGRAM at this. Let's not say we can show someone their next steps as easy as 1,2,3. There is no handbook other than the Bible and no direction heeded except that of the Holy Spirit. You see, next steps could involve something personal like picking up your Bible for daily reading. It could involve sin; the need to repair broken relationships or stop doing a behavior you know is wrong. It could be stepping out and joining with a group of disciples on Sunday morning to study the Bible. What I do know is that we all need clear, next steps. If all of us are not always taking some next step in our faith it is likely that our passion for Christ will grow dimmer, we may lose sight of missions, and begin being a pain more than a partner in the ministry.

More in the weeks to come on you taking your next step.



A gracious notes of appreciation has been received from Helen Ford and are posted on the bulletin board:

Thank you so much for helping our Backpack food ministry by recycling your plastic bags. We are getting ready for our summer break in this ministry. Because of your generosity in this matter we have enough bags at this time. Until further notice we will not be receiving any more plastic bags.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Robert and Sue Jackson  
by statement of faith

*In Loving Memory  
Beatrice Roland*

*August 23, 1913 - May 11, 2011*

*Mrs. Roland had been a member of First Baptist Church since June of 1924.*

The First Baptist Church staff and family extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to the family of Mrs. Roland.



**Lighthouse Student Ministries**

**Youth  
SUMMER BLOCKBUSTERS 2011**

Sure, there are some great Blockbusters coming out this summer. THOR, CAPTAIN AMERICA, GREEN LANTERN, and TRANSFORMERS 3 are gonna make for one of the greatest summers of movie watching ever. We here at the Lighthouse Student Ministries are offering up our own Summer Blockbusters for our students. We kick our summer off with "In Transit" a student only VBS class June 12-16. We then hit Whirling Waters on June 21. July brings us our summer mission to Walterboro, SC for World Changers. August 4 brings us the Big Youth Thing at Carowinds! All of this and weekly Bible studies on Wednesdays will make for a great summer. Don't forget, summer also allows us to play "Killer" each Wednesday AND our new youth begin in June. We look forward to adding many to our family and the many they will bring with them!

*Jody*

**UPCOMING MISSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Remember to pray for these upcoming trips.



**LYNCH, KENTUCKY**

June 27 - July 1

**TRINIDAD**

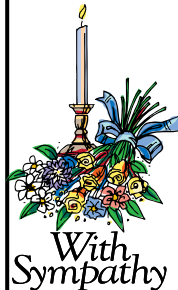
July 16 - 23



Preparations are being made for our summer mission trips to Trinidad and Lynch, KY. We will be needing a few supplies for our ministry to children and others in both locations. Anyone desiring to assist in these mission endeavors may designate gifts to either 'Trinidad Missions' or 'Kentucky Missions'.

**YOUTH WORLD CHANGERS TRIP  
TO WALTERBORO**

July 11-16



The First Baptist Church staff and family extend our heartfelt sympathy and love to...

...Violet Wood in the death of her son-in-law, Tracy Williams;

...Lee Matthews in the death of his father, John B. Matthews, Jr..

...Clive and Brenda Lugmayer in the loss of their sister-in law, Kay Lugmayer

...Billy and Frances (Hammett) Branham in the loss of his sister in law, Sarah Branham.

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**Our Reports for May 15, 2011**

Sunday School	144	Guests	3
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>			
In-Home Ministry			29
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	10,323.28	
FSATAT	\$	5.00	
Youth	\$	90.00	
Back Packs	\$	402.60	
Other	\$	134.00	
Total Received	\$	10,945.88	

**Our Reports for May 22, 2011**

Sunday School	168	Guests	3
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>			
In-Home Ministry			29
Helping Hands			98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands			105
National Health Care			24
Budget Receipts	\$	4,899.82	
Annie Armstrong	\$	185.00	
Youth	\$	105.00	
Library	\$	115.00	
College Ministry	\$	85.00	
Other	\$	2,921.00	
Total Received	\$	8,310.82	



**Monday, May 31**  
**The church office**  
**will be closed.**

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

**FBCWC**

In memory of Beatrice Roland  
 by Legare and Joyce Gunter,  
 Wynelle Gunter Williamson

In memory of Maggie Dreher  
 By Unity SS Class of Lexington  
 Baptist Church

**Annie Armstrong**

In memory of Joe Grooms  
 by Tracey Grooms  
 In memory of Beatrice Roland  
 By Cornelia Hutto and Diane  
 Vinson

**Youth Mission Trips**

In memory of Maggie Thompson  
 by Dorothy Thompson

**Media Library**

In memory of Nellie Adkins  
 By Lillian Jeffcoat

**Flowers**

Beatrice Roland  
 by the In Home Ministry

**In Honor of  
 Youth Ministry**

Helen Ford  
 by The New Discovery Class



As of Tuesday, May 24 no  
 FBCWC members are known  
 to be in the hospital.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Be in prayer for the following who were  
 elected in Church Conference May 18:

- Evelyn Dunlap**
- Sid Gaulden**
- Eunice Lee**
- Greg Shepherd**
- Sharon Snyder**

The will soon begin their work  
 for the new church year. Be in  
 prayer about where God would  
 have YOU serve in 2012.



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