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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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Thanksgiving

Churchwide Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner

*Sunday, November 20th following morning worship.
Turkey will be provided. (Donations will be accepted at
the door.) You bring the trimmings!
Plan to bring your family and your favorite
Thanksgiving dishes and join
the First Family for Thanksgiving!*



HEALTH SCREENING

Tuesday, Nov. 15 7:30—10:00 a.m.

Burriss Hall

FREE!!

Spread the word to your friends and neighbors.

Call the church office to make your appointment or
stop by the Health Room on Sunday morning.

Remember that fasting is
required for 12 hours before this test.

Contact Pat Tindal if you have any questions .

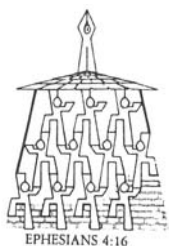
This testing is sponsored by
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Christmas Packets for Prisoners

The Christmas Packets for Prisoners Project began in 1976. The project is sponsored by the SCBC and SCWMU. Our church has given generously and faithfully to this ministry. Our goal this year is to provide 50 packets. These packets provide a gift of love and hope to the many inmates who receive them in December. Please consider providing a packet or a monetary donation of \$7.00 towards the purchase of the needed items. The deadline for contributions is **November 27**. See Brenda Hyatt for more information.

Only the following items can be used this year:

- + one black non-retractable pen (no wire clip)
- + one 6 oz. or larger toothpaste
- + one adult-sized toothbrush (individually factory sealed)
- + one 4-6 oz. bar of soap;
- + one junior legal or 50 page 5 1/2" x 8" or larger writing tablet-100 pages maximum (no wire clip)
- + five first- class stamp-embossed envelopes (purchased at the Post Office only)
- + two rolls of Life-Savers, Breath Savers, Mentos, or similar type candy
- + one gallon size zipper plastic bag (all items must fit inside and close without tearing)



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Last week I attended a conference and received some interesting information. The speaker, a long-time respected leader in Southern Baptist life, said that less than 2% of people in our churches tithe. As you know tithing is the biblical practice of giving 10% of one's income to

God's church. Simple math teaches me that many if not most people who attend church do not tithe. For instance the 2011 HHS poverty guideline for a family of 4 is \$22,350. A church with 250 families living at the poverty level who tithe would receive annual receipts of \$558,750. Our receipts were \$466,511. While we are not primarily a church of wealthy people, neither are we a church primarily made up of people living in poverty. We are a church of more than 250 family units so we are more likely like one of the many churches where the majority of people do not tithe. We have been accustomed to the '80/20 rule of thumb' where it is often said that 20% do 80% of the work and giving. The parable of the soils teaches us that 75% of the recipients are non productive and 25% produced far more than their share. However, I was stunned to hear the speaker say that 98% actually do not tithe or do their share.

I share this with you to say "**WELL DONE**" to the congregation of FBCWC. Although we, like most churches, would do well to do better. I want to commend you on doing as well as you do. When I came here less than three years ago we were running a five figure deficit. As of the end of last month (October), we are running a deficit of only \$5687.91. This is less than one week's normal offering. Our Finance Committee has done a great job with our budget and would like to finish the year in 'the black'. They want to set aside December 4 as a 'catch up' Sunday (you may remember that last year we had the entire month of November as a 'catch up' month so there is good news that we are progressively moving forward in a time when the economy is moving downward). We ask that you follow I Corinthians 16:2 and begin now to "set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income" to be ready to give a double tithe on December 4 as an act of spiritual obedience to God's command to tithe and as an act of spiritual celebration as God continually pours out His blessings to us.

Bill

UPCOMING SERMONS BY OUR PASTOR

Sunday, November 13
 "What? Are We Blind Too?"
 John 9:1-12

Sunday, November 20
 "I Am An Addict"
 James 5:16



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!

I thought I would point that out just in case you didn't realize it! Our Music Ministry is busy getting music ready to help us celebrate the birth of our Lord.

Sunday, December 11 will be a very important Sunday for us. During morning worship on that day, Sanctuary Choir will present the musical "Glorious Impossible". During evening worship, our Music Makers Choir will present the musical "Once Upon A Night". You will not want to miss either of these worship times. Following the children's presentation, we will have a Churchwide Christmas Fellowship in Burriss Hall. Plan to bring your favorite finger foods and join us!



Before all that can happen, we must get the sanctuary decorated. Plan to join us on **Monday evening, November 21 at 6:30 p.m.** to hang garland and bows and decorate our Christmas trees. Our sanctuary is always beautiful at Christmas. Come help us "fix it up".

**BEST YET
 TO COME**


**Thursday, November 17
 11:00 a.m.**

**SPECIAL GUEST
 Dana Jeffcoat Cassell**

Dana has recently returned from a mission trip to Zimbabwe where she delivered all those dresses, shorts, and t-shirts you folks made and collected up. She will be telling us about the trip and the work that goes on there. Come join us!!



Our In Home Workers met on Wednesday, November 2 and prepared their annual Thanksgiving Bags to be delivered to those in our Homebound Ministry. Thank you folks for your special ministry to our shut-in friends.



Home Group Report
 Many of you know about and have been praying for our home group that meets each Sunday evening at 6:30pm. Thank you for your prayers. We are almost full, meaning our living room cannot hold many more. We are presently at 5 couples and the level of fellowship and Bible study is very challenging and inspiring. We communicate during the week with one another for encouragement and prayer.
 Please continue praying for our young married couples. Pray also that others would be led to begin their own home group. This can be done for singles, couples with children, "empty nesters", etc. I would be glad to meet with you if you are being led to begin a group in your home.

In Loving Memory
Colette Rikard Hutto
August 5, 1931 - October 25, 2011

The First Baptist Church family and staff express our heartfelt sympathy and love to Mr. Andrew Hutto and his family in the loss of their loved one.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS



October 31, 2011
 Tonya LaFollette
 By Profession of Faith for Baptism



November 6, 2011
 Christy Gendreau
 By Transfer of Church Membership


HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Bill and Effie Lou Shipley
 Lexington Gardens Room 108
 West Columbia, 29169

Violet Wood
 1226 H Avenue
 West Columbia, SC 29169



Lighthouse Student Ministries



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY
Wednesday, December 21

If you would like to sponsor a teen for our annual Christmas Party, you may do so by donating \$15.00 to the Youth Fund. This will cover the cost of their meal.

This is a very special event for our youth. We have a nice sit down dinner together and recollect on the Lord's blessing throughout the year. We celebrate spiritual decisions each student has made, spiritual growth, and blessings that we have been given. 2011 was a transition year for us and I and the other youth leaders have focused much time and effort making the transition smooth and joyful.

As the year comes to a close, I will be sharing with you through this article all that God has done for us in 2011.

As a reminder for parents and guardians, our **Annual Christmas Party is December 21 from 6pm-9pm.** Formal dress is required. Each student must bring \$5.00 plus an unmarked wrapped gift for our "Mean Santa" Game.

Jody



Order Your Poinsettias

We are now taking orders for poinsettias to be used in decorating our sanctuary for Christmas. The poinsettias will be placed in the church on Sunday, December 4. Fill out the form below and return it with \$13.00 in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 20.

I will give _____ poinsettia(s) at \$13.00 each.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

You may take your poinsettia home and/or deliver it to a person of your choice on December 18, or leave it until after the Christmas Eve Service.

The In Home Ministry will not be available to deliver plants to our shut ins.

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 MATERIAL
 DO NOT
 DELAY!**

Our Reports for October 30, 2011

Sunday School 145 Guests 4

Off-Campus Ministries

In-Home Ministry	25
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	6,949.02
Janie Chapman	\$	61.29
Bus Fund	\$	200.00
Screen/Projector	\$	50.00
Lottie Moon	\$	75.00
Other	\$	604.00
Total Received	\$	7,939.31

Our Reports for November 6, 2011

Sunday School 165 Guests 1

Off-Campus Ministries

In-Home Ministry	26
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	12,171.65
FSATAT	\$	25.00
Bus Fund	\$	120.00
WMU/Pure Water	\$	200.00
Connie Maxwell	\$	130.00
Screen/Projector	\$	325.00
Other	\$	714.00
Total Received	\$	13,565.65

Hospital Update

As of Tuesday, November 8

Providence Hospital
 Wilbur Johnson



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

November 16
 Pizza and Wings
 Bread Sticks
 Dessert, Tea

November 23
No Wednesday activities

Reservations are necessary.
 Forms are available at sanctuary
 entrances and in registration booklets.
**Deadline to sign up or cancel
 reservations is noon on Monday.**

Pray every day for First Baptist Church!

SPECIAL GIFTS

BUS FUND

In loving memory of Jim Schafer
 by Marie Taylor, Allison and Zubin
 Bamji, Micki and Chris
 Stephenson, Kerry and Ned Boykin
 Mr. and Mrs. Greg Shepherd

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Joyce Crider, Miriam King,
 Helen Ford

PROJECTOR FUND

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Mayo Bryant, Catherine Holladay,
 Joy Sunday School Class

FBCWC

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Howard and Norma Steele,
 David and Mollie Silver,
 Calvin and Hazel Feaster,
 Jim and Theresa Bartley, Larry
 Sease. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley
 Moody, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Shirey,
 Thompson Funeral Home, Bob and
 Raye Livingston, Friends in R&D
 Engineering (Savannah River Na-
 tional Laboratory)

LOTTIE MOON MISSIONS

In loving memory of Colette Hutto
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull,
 Calvin and Bobbie Woodall

**God's Helping Hands
 Food Pantry**

Please help supply the food pantry
 for the months of November and De-
 cember with basic food items. Unfor-
 tunately donations have been low and
 the pantry is in dire need of food.
 Suggested items: canned meat, rice,
 dry beans, cereal, macaroni and
 cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce,
 peanut butter, jelly, or crackers. See
 Brenda Hyatt for more information.