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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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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GROWTH AND WORSHIP COMING IN MARCH TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

"Best of" Series

In praying about our theme for this year, the word "Best" kept coming to mind. What could God be saying to us and you about "the Best"? Does God want you to give your best in the situation you find yourself in? Yes! Could we all increase in our faith, love, service? Yes! We are going to let God interpret for you how the theme applies to you. During the month of March, Pastor Bill Drees and Jody Ratcliffe will be preaching messages focused on family and how our best impacts home. Join us.

March 4 - "Life At Its Best" (Bill Drees)

March 11 - "Your Best for Your Teens" (Jody Ratcliffe)

March 18 - "Your Best for Your Children" (Jody Ratcliffe)

March 25 - "Being the Best You Can Be" (Bill Drees)

"PARENTING WITH LOVE AND LOGIC"



Beginning Sunday evening, March 4, our church will begin offering a five week course for parents called "Parenting with Love and Logic". The class will meet each of the five Sundays from 5:00-7:00 pm in the conference room. This nationally acclaimed parenting course will be facilitated by Sallie and Charlton Bozard.

Psalm 62:11-12 says, "One thing God has spoken, two things I have heard: that you O God are strong, and that you, O Lord are Loving". "Parenting with Love and Logic" teaches parents in practical ways how to be both strong and loving as modeled by our Heavenly Father. It deals with common issues like arguing and whining and teaches parents how to stop giving repeated warnings and how to make sure children learn early that there are consequences for their actions. Registration forms will be available beginning this Sunday.

If you have adult children or grandchildren who would benefit from this course, please pass this information along to them.

Childcare will be provided. Contact Charlton or Sallie Bozard for more information.

How well do you know Jesus?

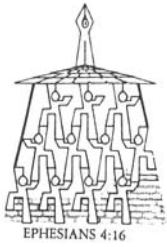
As Easter approaches on April 8 we encourage you to take advantage of two new opportunities to grow in your knowledge and relationship with Jesus.

Discover more about Jesus on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm

(Join us this week as we continue growing and looking at the exciting & rich personality of Jesus)

Explore the four Gospel portraits on Sunday evenings at 6 pm

(We will begin with Matthew on March 4)



EPHESIANS 4:16

THE PASTOR'S LINK

It has often been said that character is not developed by crisis and difficulty but revealed. That is not only true in the lives of individuals but churches as well. Crisis or times of difficulty allow us the opportunity to pull apart or pull together. While we have been blessed not to experience major crisis or difficulty in the time I have served as your pastor, we have gone through normal experiences of life, which can be difficult and stressful. We have experienced times of economic stress as this is a difficult period in our nation's history as well as the normal experiences of life. You have pulled together as we continue to see God bless us in these days of financial adjustment. Life and death are also normal but can be accompanied with unexpected emotions. We have experienced the joy of new life as well as the reality of life ending for some beloved faithful servants. You have always responded with strength, courage, love and grace. It is vital for the body of Christ to grow in unity through all of life's experiences as desired by our Lord's prayer for us in John 17.

I want to thank you for your actions as the body of Christ exhibited once again in our recent quarterly business conference. We conducted several important items of business such as:

- Making a few minor changes in our Childhood Protection policies that will allow us to better offer as many opportunities as possible while maintaining a standard necessary to provide the best care for children placed in our care. (A copy of the revised policy statement is available in the church office)
- Amending our By-laws with the two 'housekeeping' adjustments we previously published and announced on Article 1 concerning business meetings and Article IV concerning Nominating Committee (An amended copy of the Constitution & By-Laws is also available in the church office for your convenience)
- Approved necessary repairs in the Snyder Building
- Approved progress with Sanctuary screen project (the designated fund for such is still active for gifts beyond regular tithes and offerings)
- Approved fundraising and progress in the process of the possible purchase of a new bus. There will be additional fundraising opportunities and that designated fund for such is still active for gifts beyond regular tithes and offerings. Anyone interested in assisting with fundraising or sharing ideas is welcome to contact the church office or any staff member.

We also had a very positive Finance Report to begin the year. Thank you for your generous and faithful giving as well as your continued spirit of cooperation for God's glory.

Bill



THANKS



to our ladies for a great job filling the choir loft on Sunday and to Phyllis Johnson for leading them so ably. I enjoyed the chance to play for them as well!!!

YOUTH SINGERS will be attending the SC Baptist Youth Choir Festival on Saturday, March 10 at Riverland Hills Baptist Church. We will be joining with other youth from across our state to learn music to present in a concert at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon. You are certainly invited to come and support our youth as they sing! They will also sing in morning worship on Sunday, March 11.

DRESSES FOR ZIMBABWE

We will once again be helping Dana Jeffcoat Cassell with making dresses for orphan children in Zimbabwe. A "Sewing day" has been scheduled for **Saturday, April 28**. Please mark that date on your calendar if you are willing to sew or help assemble the dresses. We need to begin collecting pillowcases for this project, so bring a clean (or new) set to the church office.

LUNCH BUNCH

Monday, February 27
We leave at 10:30 a.m. for
SHEALY'S!

Charlton

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Mary Faulk (birthday is March 1)
266A Caughman Way
815 Old Cherokee Rd.
Lexington, SC, 29072

Sandra Amick
Bryan Nursing Center Rm. 305
3514 Sidney Rd.
Columbia, SC 29210

Upcoming Sundays at First Baptist Church

Sunday, February 26

"Where Are We Going and Why?"
Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, March 4

"Life At Its Best"
Ecclesiastes



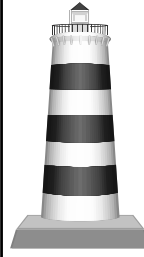


This March Pastor Bill and I will be preaching our "Best of" Series all month long. Our theme for 2012 is "Giving God Your Best." This past weekend on our Youth Retreat we were reminded that Jesus gave all for us. He forgives all sin and gives all the blessings we need in this life. It causes us to want to give all for Him. Let us see Jesus as our example of one who gave His best so we can give our best back to Him and to each other.



**Vacation Bible School 2012
June 10-14 6:00-8:30pm
"Amazing Wonders Aviation"**

Kids will tour some of the world's most marvelous natural wonders and encounter God like never before. As kids explore Psalm 147:5, they'll recognize God's power over all things! Pray about how you will be a part of this year's event. We will need teachers for all ages, volunteers for meals, crafts, and recreation. Please volunteer by contacting Jody.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

We are back from our Winter Retreat and I want to thank everyone for praying for us and supporting us. Our ministry would not be possible without your financial blessings and spiritual support. God's word challenged us to love one another more purely, serve one another regularly, and forgive those who have hurt us.

Winter Jam Spring Lock-In

March 9th 4pm-7am Cost \$35

Skillet is headlining the show this year!!!! We are all huge fans of great Christian music and each year we get the best right here in our backyard. This is our "Spring Fusion" as we join with 3 other churches to worship God and fellowship. The cost covers concert ticket, the new Fusion Tee, admission into the Plex, and breakfast. Sign up is going on now outside the Lighthouse.

Youth Mission Fundraiser!!!

March 18 Lunch right after Morning Worship

The youth are going to Charleston Southern University July 9-13 for MissionFuge Camp. We will be having two meal fundraisers so they can raise money to attend. Please make your reservations through your Sunday School, during worship services, or by calling the church office. Cost is \$10 per plate for adults (11 years old and up) and \$5 for children (5-10 years old). Children under 4 will not be charged. Payments will be received at the lunch.



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions
April 4-10**

Whatever It Takes

Annie Armstrong Easter
Offering Goal: \$4,000

*Mr. and Mrs. Larry J. Brown, Jr.
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Anna Michelle Brown

to

Christopher Frank Miller

on Saturday, the third of March

two thousand and twelve

at 2:00 in the afternoon

First Baptist Church of West Columbia

400 State Street

West Columbia, South Carolina

Please RSVP by February 29.

Membership & Ministry Orientation Classes

March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th @ 9:45 a.m.

Burriss Hall

If you are a new member (or someone who would like to attend) you are invited to join us for this four week orientation to discover church membership and areas of ministry at First Baptist Church. For additional information contact Jody Ratcliffe or Terry Smith.

In Loving Memory

Ralph Helms

April 13, 1922 - February 13, 2012

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



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board near the church office:

...Phyllis Johnson and family;

...Shirley Wessinger



This year, you will have the opportunity to place Easter lilies in the church in honor or memory of a loved one.

The cost is \$15.00. Forms will be available at sanctuary entrances and need to be returned by March 21.

If you are interested in providing palms or ferns for use during the Easter season, contact Charlton Bozard.


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 DELAY!**

Our Reports for February 12, 2012

Sunday School 132	Guests 2
Off-Campus Ministries	
In-Home Ministry	30
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24
Budget Receipts	\$ 8,233.15
Back Packs	\$ 75.00
Lottie Moon	\$ 25.00
Youth	\$ 70.00
Pure Water	\$ 50.00
Projector	\$ 97.00
Bus	\$ 125.00
Scholarships	\$ 30.00
Other	\$ 233.00
Total Received	\$ 8,938.15

Our Reports for February 19, 2012

Sunday School 134	Guests 4
Off-Campus Ministries	
In-Home Ministry	30
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24
Budget Receipts	\$ 7,945.00
Annie Armstrong	\$ 30.00
Back Packs	\$ 20.00
Youth	\$ 95.09
FSATAT	\$ 20.00
Projector Fund	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 417.00
Total Received	\$ 8,627.09



 **Hospital Update**

As of Tuesday, February 21

Palmetto Baptist Medical Center
 Ann Bradley

Heartland of Columbia
 Bill Gaskin



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

February 29

Chicken and Rice
 Corn, Bread Sticks
 Dessert, Drink

March 7

Pizza and Wings
 Bread Sticks
 Dessert, Drink

Reservations are necessary.
 Forms are available at sanctuary en-
 trances and in registration Booklets.

**Deadline to sign up or cancel
 reservations is noon on Monday.**

SPECIAL GIFTS

FBCWC

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Clyde Wilkes, Mrs. Ruby G. Floyd,
 Larry and Patsy Williamson, Maxine
 Sullivan, Trudy Hammond Burnette,
 Emily, Marty and Betty West, Zoe A.
 Alston, Ronnie and Diane Bozard,
 Legare and Joyce Gunter, Clyde and
 Jonnie Blackburn, Bob and Margie
 Hazel, Myrtle Deese, Thompson
 Funeral Home, Helen Jordan, Shirley
 Wessinger, Lois McLeod, Joe and
 Judy Sikes, Calvin and Hazel Feaster,
 Mayo Bryant

In honor of Myrtle Deese
 by Jack and Chere Heasty

BUS FUND

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Naomi's Faithful Sunday School Class,
 Sonny and Carolyn Williams, Joyce
 Crider, and Iris Wellborn

CHRISTIAN VOCATION SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Lonnie and Hazel Shull

YOUTH MINISTRY

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Dorothy Thompson, Helen Ford,
 Carroll and Jackie Crawford, Miriam King

GOD'S HELPING HANDS

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Mildred Wood

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Evelyn Dunlap

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In loving memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Sara Frances Watson

PROJECTOR FUND

In memory of Wilbur Johnson
 by Rick and Barbara Rickenbaker

In memory of Miriam Brown
 by Martin Brown