

# Tie - Binder



**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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## COMING TO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN FEBRUARY



### **Sunday, February 5**

Our youth will take a special offering at the close of morning worship to help meet hunger needs in our area. This nationwide movement began in our area over 20 years ago and has raised millions of dollars each year to help agencies that help and support those with special needs throughout the year.

Come prepared to make a contribution to this special ministry offering.

### **February 13 - 19**

Plans Include:

#### **Ladies and Girls Brunch**

**Saturday, February 18, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.**

Please bring a food item for God's Helping Hands.

We will enjoy a prepared brunch and fellowship together. Our program "On Mission in London, England" will explain the different ways Southern Baptist missionaries are involved in presenting the gospel

to various people groups. London is the host city of the Summer Olympics this year. Our missionaries will tell us ways they will be involved with the Olympics. Join us as we learn more about their mission work and how we can be in prayer for them.

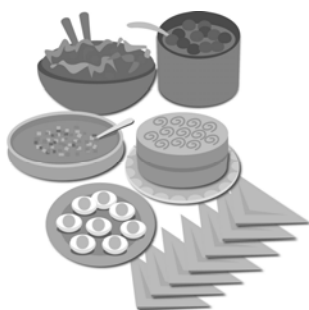
### **BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY**

**Sunday, February 19**

Guest Speaker: Louanne Steward from the Florence Baptist Association

Music will be presented by a Ladies Chorus directed by Phyllis Johnson.

All our mission groups will be introduced and recognized.



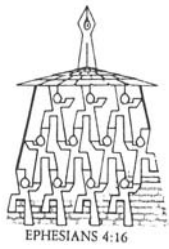
### **FIFTH SUNDAY NIGHT COVERED DISH SUPPER**

**January 29 at 5:30 p.m.**

**Burriss Hall**

Bring your favorite dishes and join us for a great time of fellowship around the tables.

**DON'T MISS IT!!!**



**THE PASTOR'S LINK**

As followers and Disciples of Christ everything we do should portray Jesus and draw people to Him. In nearly 60 years of life where I have attended and served in many Southern Baptist Churches in many areas of this country I have never seen anyone come to Christ during a church business meeting. However, I have seen and heard of church business meetings that have turned people away from Christ. Thankfully those types of business meetings do not happen with regularity but once is too often. They can cause people to leave church, avoid or dread church business meetings. Church business meetings are important. I encourage all to attend and be properly involved in items presented, discussed and decided. It should be a time to exhibit and experience the way a harmonious body of believers conducts their business.

As I near conclusion of three years as pastor of FBCWC I am pleased to say that we have had positive experiences in our meetings. However, I am aware that the enemy always seeks to gain a foothold. I am also aware that church members can experience confusion during business meetings as we are not often familiar or well versed in Parliamentary Procedure, which is the process usually used in such meetings.

Years ago as a Director of Missions, working with many churches I wrote 'Conducting Godly Business Meetings' as an aid or alternative for church business meetings. We have our quarterly business conference on February 8. To continue our growth in unity, harmony and the orderly fashion in which we conduct ourselves and present a positive witness for Christ we will discuss 'Conducting Godly Business Meetings' on Wednesday evening, February 1.

Now that I have shared this don't start wondering, 'What's going on behind the scene that is causing the pastor to do this?' This is simply an attempt to help us continue to grow as the body of Christ. As people seeking to improve and do our best for our Lord from time to time we need to address items large and small (such as the minor changes in our By-laws addressed elsewhere in this newsletter). It is a joy to see God at work in our midst. I look forward to see what He has in store for us in the days ahead!

**Upcoming Sermons by Dr. Drees**

**Sunday, January 29**  
 "We Want a King"  
 1 Samuel 8

**Sunday, February 5**  
 "Four Quarters of Life"  
 Psalm 90:10



**Thanks** to our Men's Chorus, Matt Burnette and Jason Seabrook for providing some great music for Baptist Men's Day! You were all awesome.

Ladies, your chance is coming on February 19 as we will celebrate Baptist Women's Day as part of Focus on WMU. Phyllis Johnson will be leading you. Make your plans now to participate.

**JUBILANT SINGERS** will resume rehearsals on Thursday, February 2 at 11 a.m. in Burriss Hall. We will be working on a musical titled "Oh What A Savior". We would welcome you to join us.

**Sanctuary Choir** has also begun working on "Who Do You Say That I Am?" for presentation on April 1. Now is a great time to "try us out" and raise your voice with ours as we prepare for Easter.

**EXPERIENCING GOD** will meet at 4:00 p.m. this Sunday, January 29, due to the 5th Sunday Night Supper.

**LUNCH BUNCH**

**Monday, February 6 11:00 a.m.**  
**Golden Corral on Forest Drive**  
 (next month—Shealy's)



*The First Baptist Church staff and family express our heartfelt sympathy and love to Lois Gaskins in the loss of her sister, Dallie Lou Carraway of Florence.*


**International Luncheon at USC Baptist Student Union**  
**Friday, January 27 12:00 pm.**

Plans are in place for this annual event for students at USC. There is still time for you to be involved. Contact Brenda Hyatt with questions or to volunteer!

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK**

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On our journey to becoming the church God wants us to be we need to always take an honest look at where we have been, where we are, and where we are heading. These are good questions to first ask yourself about your own spiritual life. As a church, we have already begun our journey. We are on that halfway part of the trip. We have come a long way and I see evidence of spiritual growth, but we must ask ourselves what's next. What is that next level of commitment the Lord is asking of you? What is that next level of leadership the Lord is asking of you? He expects our best and He wants our hearts. Is 2012 your year to step up to the next level?

**QUARTERLY CHURCH CONFERENCE  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

The Polity Committee will recommend two amendments to the current Church By-laws at the Business Conference. These amendments will move the election of the Nominating Committee from April to May and insure that the quarterly business will meet later & in the middle of the month. The recommendations are as follows:

ARTICLE 1 – Meetings Section 2. For Business:

(a) The church shall hold regular quarterly conferences for business on the (omit) *second Wednesday* (adding) **Wednesday following the second Sunday** of each of the following months; November, February, May and August.

Article IV – Church Committees Section 2. Nominating: The Nominating Committee shall be composed of five members who have been church members at least five years, nominated by the Church Council and elected during the (omit) *April* (adding) **May** Business Conference each year.

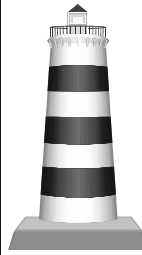
There will also be reports from the ad hoc committees elected to discuss:

- the purchase of a new church bus;
- the installation of video screens in our sanctuary

**LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING**  
**National Goal : \$75 million**  
**First Baptist Church Goal: \$9,000**  
**Received to date: \$7,104.94**



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Joyful Hearts Sunday School Class for having 100% attendance on Sunday, January 15. Pat Fulmer and Alice and John Livingston are the teachers. Way to go guys! Who's class will be the next to make that goal?



**Lighthouse Student Ministries**

**"Souper Bowl of Caring"  
Sunday, February 5th**

The big game is set for Super Bowl 2012! We have a bigger fight on our hands, the fight against hunger! After the morning worship service on Feb. 5th, the youth will be at the exits to collect funds to help local hunger needs. This event is nationwide and a tradition for First Baptist youth.

**"Love God, Love Group"**

Our plans for our **Annual Winter Retreat** have been made and we are looking forward to getting away for some spiritual growth and group building. We have a few youth who are going to need some help paying for the trip. Would you like to sponsor a teen? The total cost per child is \$140.00. You can contribute any amount as you are led. I am proud of our church in that we have never turned a youth down from any trip based on financial difficulty.

**Transitions of Columbia Tour  
Wednesday, Feb. 1st 6:30-8:00 p.m.**

In learning about loving others, we will be getting a personal tour of the newest homeless shelter in Columbia. We previously learned about the Oliver Gospel Mission. We have already donated blankets to Transitions, but will now get a personal look at how they help the homeless. We will not be in direct contact with the homeless for this learning visit.

**GOD'S HELPING HANDS UPDATE**

**Good news!!** God's Helping Hands received donations from local churches, schools, as well as community events held in the Cayce-West Columbia area during December. Their pantry is filled with lots of basic food items.

Currently the needed food items are **crackers, juice, and cereal.**

God's Helping Hands is thankful for the financial aid as well to serve the clients needing help with utilities, prescription, or rent bills.

The director, Linda Keisler, needs a volunteer or two to work with sorting clothes. If you are interested contact her @ 791-4167.

Thank you for your on-going support of this ministry to our community.

Brenda Hyatt, WMU Director


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 DELAY!**

**Our Reports for January 15, 2012**

Sunday School 143	Guests 2
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>	
In-Home Ministry	30
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	5,912.10
Back Packs	\$	60.00
Lottie Moon	\$	100.00
Youth	\$	52.00
WMU/Pure Water	\$	100.00
God's Helping Hands	\$	50.00
FSAT	\$	25.00
WMU/USC Lunch	\$	10.00
Other	\$	189.00
Total Received	\$	6,498.10

**Our Reports for January 22, 2012**

Sunday School	Guests
<b>Off-Campus Ministries</b>	
In-Home Ministry	30
Helping Hands	98
Hope Bridge/Helping Hands	105
National Health Care	24

Budget Receipts	\$	8,049.50
Lottie Moon	\$	110.00
Back Packs	\$	20.00
Youth	\$	20.00
WC Police Love Gift	\$	209.00
WMU/USC Lunch	\$	65.00
Other	\$	194.00
Total Received	\$	8,667.50

 **Hospital Update**

As of Tuesday, January

**Palmetto Baptist Medical Center**  
 Raymond Kight



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

**February 1**

Lasagna  
 Salad, Garlic bread  
 Dessert / Drink

**February 8**

Chicken Tenders  
 Mac & Cheese, Fried Okra  
 Bread, 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.**



A gracious note of ap-  
 preciation have been  
 received from Eula  
 Chalk and her  
 daughters, Connie and  
 Harrilyn and is posted on the bulle-  
 tin board.

**Coming in March:**

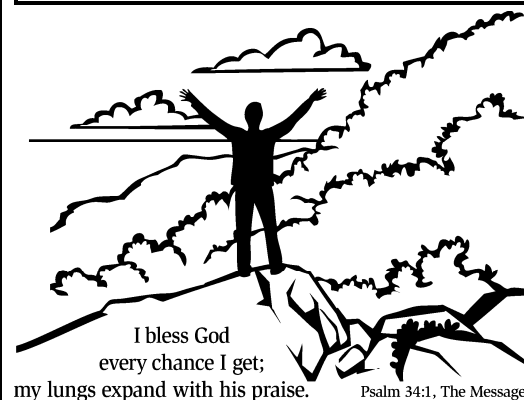
**Who:** New Members and others  
 who would like to attend

**What:** Membership & Ministry  
 Orientation Classes

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

**Where:** Burriss Hall

If you are a new member (or some-  
 one 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.



I bless God  
 every chance I get;  
 my lungs expand with his praise.

Psalm 34:1, The Message

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

**LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

In loving memory of Mary Duke Reed  
 by Legare and Joyce Gunter

**FBCWC**

In loving memory of Colette Hutto  
 by Beverly Hutto Davis and  
 Hampton Davis