



First Baptist Church West Columbia

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FROM THE DEACONS

DEACON NOMINATION AND ELECTION

This year we will nominate and elect seven deacons. A ballot form is provided on page 3 of this publication and will also be available in Sunday's bulletin. Nominations are due by the close of morning worship on Sunday, August 17. A slate of nominees will be presented for voting on Sunday, August 31.

Please do not nominate any of the men listed below.

Expiring September 2008

William Fallaw Bob Hazel
Bob Horton Wilbur Johnson

Expiring September 2009

Gerald Baker Eric Fowler Lee Matthews
Greg Shepherd Rich Wandover Rick Rickenbaker

Expiring September 2010

Clyde Blackburn Billy Hayes Len Hill
Bob Price Steve Shaffer
Glenn Duke Sid Gaulden

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE

At our regular church conference on Wednesday, August 13, the deacons will recommend that our Pastor Search Committee be made up of seven church members, and that no more than one person from a family be allowed to serve on this committee (i.e. spouses, parent and children). They will also announce their nomination of five individuals to serve.

There will be a **CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE** on Wednesday, August 20 to accept nominations from the church family. A ballot will be prepared that includes all nominees for voting in called conference on Sunday, August 31 in the morning worship service.

NOTE: Please contact any person you would like to nominate and determine their willingness to serve if elected.

**These are very important decisions in the life of our church.
Consider your nominations prayerfully.**

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PASTOR EMERITUS



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Sunday

9:30 am Library open
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Library open
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday

6:00 pm Library open
LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
Children's Choirs
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir
(as scheduled)



In the next few weeks West Columbia First Baptist Church will make several major decisions as to the selection of deacons and the new Pastor Search Team. Both selections will have a big impact on the future of our church so they should be made with much thought and prayer. Both are places where we need persons that are spiritual, practical and dedicated to the people of our church. Much work has been done by the Transition Process team members and committees; this work will assist greatly in the task of finding our future leadership. Take note of those that have been involved in this Transition Process as you make your selections.

I am very proud of the work that has been and is being accomplished by our congregation during this Transition Process. We have come a long way in a very short time and we have gathered very valuable information in our journey. Thank you for your wonderful spirit and for your many hours of sacrifice. I am convinced that all this hard work will enable our Search Team to accomplish their task of finding our next pastor in a much shorter time.

So get ready, the best is yet to come.

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

SUNDAY'S SERMONS August 10 , 2008

A.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Peace

P.M. Fruit of the Spirit: Patience



Monday, September 15
7:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Sponsored by our Health Ministry
and Lexington medical Center

Free Screening includes:

- Blood Pressure Assessment
- Glucose
- Iron Profile
- Lipid Profile
- PSA
- Fecal Occult (upon request)

Call Janet in the church office to make
your appointment 791-0700



Take note of the article elsewhere in the Tie Binder about the resuming of our Wednesday Night Program on August 27. Plan to be involved in our children's music and missions programs as well as our activities for youth and adults.

LET'S DO LUNCH

Thursday, August 14 Departing at 10:30 a.m.
The NEW Vegetable Medley

Contact me to get your name on the list.

BEST YET TO COME resumes in September with a Health Ministry Program. The results from our Health Screening will be given out and questions answered. Hope to see you there!

Charlton

CLARIFYING OUR CONGREGATION'S IDENTITY

Through the Transitional Interim Ministry, the "Clarifying our Congregation's Identity Committee" will be leading us to look at establishing our Mission Statement. This could be an acrostic or a catchy, quick phrase that would be easy to remember. Ideas might come from our church's "Purpose" and "Covenant" which are in our current *Constitution and Bylaws*. A sheet with some examples is available in the church office or at various locations around the church. We welcome your suggestions and input. Put your ideas in writing and return them to the church office or a member of the Transition Team.

The ladies of First Baptist Church cordially invite you to a

Home Shower

for

Melanie and Jody Ratcliffe

on Saturday, August 9

from 2-4 p.m.

in Burriss Hall

The Ratcliffe's are registered with

WalMart

Target

(www.target.com or contact Janet in the church office)

Pampered Chef

(contact Renee Shaffer or see the list on the bulletin board across from the office 781-3406 or Reneepcc@yahoo.com)








Outreach Emphasis and Personal Prayer Retreat

In the coming weeks, I will be preaching and introducing our church family to various models of personal and corporate outreach. Along with these couple of messages, we will have a one day Personal Prayer Retreat, led by my wife Melanie that will introduce us to the important concept of community prayer walking and small group prayer. This will be in September on a Saturday and will be hosted at the church. This is a common practice with the International Mission Board. We use it to truly engage the community, meet new people, and discover their needs. I am excited to pass along proven mission techniques to you all. These techniques are for us all. I will pass along specific information as it is planned.

Outreach to College Students

The week of August 24, we would like to begin a new ministry to the university students living directly across the street from the church. Melanie Ratcliffe, our College and Singles Class Leader, will be leading this effort, but needing a team to truly make this effective. At this beginning level, we would like to meet anyone from the church body who wishes to do outreach to these students. We will go where they are, meet them, and invite them to a Student Breakfast on Sept. 7th at the church. This meeting will kick off their Sunday School Class. If you would like to be a part of the outreach team or the Sunday School Class, please let me or Melanie know.



**Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation**

I have been impressed by the Lord's work in our teenager's lives over this summer. I want the church to know and see that they are growing in their faith and making changes in their lives. I want to encourage our church members to take the initiative and speak to our youth. They are usually a little timid, but need to know that you are praying for them and are proud of them.

As a group, we will continue to work on "community". We must be and act like a family and an open-ended family so many more can join. We will begin a series of studies called "Heart Before". I want our teenagers to realize that their hearts must be truly transformed before they can serve with their hands or give true testimonies with their lips. We can only ACT like believers temporarily if our hearts are far from where they need to be on a daily basis. Pray for all our teenagers as I and their other teachers seek to shape their hearts.

Children's Pool Party

Saturday August 16th 10:30 am-2:30 pm

It is back to school time! We want to celebrate having a great summer and looking forward to a great school year! This is for all RISING FIRST GRADERS through RISING FIFTH GRADERS. Parents can come of course and we will be leaving on the church bus. We do have several chaperones so your child will be watched well. The location is Eunice Lee's home. We will be having a hot dog lunch and will be back at the church at 2:30pm.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM
SET TO RESUME AUGUST 27**

Many of you have been asking about our Wednesday night program, so are the answers for your questions:

SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m.	Supper Line opens Library opens
6:00 p.m.	Children's Choirs LIGHTHOUSE
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
6:45 p.m.	RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir

SUPPER

Paul Bessinger will again be catering our meals. If you are interested in helping serve, please let the Nominating Committee know.

COST:

Due to increasing costs we have had to raise our prices a little. However, it's still the best deal in town! Please note that there is **NO** maximum family charge.

Age 10 and above	\$5.00
Age 5 to age 9	\$3.00
Age 4 and under	FREE

DEACON NOMINATION FORM

I certify that I am a member of First Baptist church, West Columbia, and that this form constitutes my only nomination of individuals for the office of deacon for the church year 2008-2009.

My nominees for deacon are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Nomination forms may be placed in the offering plate or turned in to the church office. Nominations must be turned in by the end of the morning service on **Sunday, August 17**. The deacon election will be on **Sunday, August 31**.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
August 10-16, 2008

Sunday, August 10

- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, August 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Gp.
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Gp.

Wednesday, August 13

- 6:00 p.m. Library opens
LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 Church Conference

Thursday, August 14

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Gp.
- 10:30 a.m. Depart for lunch at
 Vegetable Medley

Saturday, August 16

- 10:30 a.m. Children Depart for Pool
 Party

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
August 10, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY
 Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Alleen Hatfield and Claire Urbates

Twos and Threes
 Allison and Bryan Jeffcoat

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level
 Jack and Virginia Hill

SOUND
 Rich Wandover

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 DO NOT DELAY!**



**Pray for These
 Hospitalized
 Members:**

As of Tuesday,
 Aug 5, 2008

Lexington Medical Center
 Elizabeth Taylor

Edwina Taylor at home recovering
 from wrist surgery.

SAVE for 8/11

MEMORIAL
For Such A Time As This

In loving memory of Ruth Whitehead
 Given by John & Jean Keisler



CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 21, 2008
Saluda Shoals Park
5:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Men's Ministry
Be watching for details!

Pray every day for our church!