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## *Easter Sunday at First Baptist Church*

*Join us for a great day of worship  
as we celebrate the  
Resurrection  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**DR. DON BISHOP  
INTERIM PASTOR**

**CHARLTON BOZARD  
MUSIC/ADULT ACTIVITIES**

**REN BRAY  
EDUCATION/YOUTH  
MINISTRIES**

**DR. LONNIE SHULL  
PASTOR EMERITUS**



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**SUNRISE  
SERVICE**

*Easter  
Sunday  
Morning  
7:00 a.m.  
Riverwalk  
Amphitheater*

**9:45 a.m.**

**Join the First Family for  
Bible Study**

**10:40 a.m.**

**Flowering of the Cross  
The Church family will gather on  
the lawn to cover the cross in  
beautiful flowers of the season.**

**11:00 a.m.**

**RESURRECTION CELEBRATION**

**Uplifting music by the  
Sanctuary Choir**

**Dr. Bishop's Easter Message:**

**"The Empty Tomb and..."**

**John 20:1-31**

**No Evening Activities!**

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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**

5:30 Supper/ Library open  
6:00 pm Children/Youth  
Activities start  
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



Holy Week is upon us as we enter the time of new beginnings. Easter is a celebration of new birth and starting over. Nature is alive with Easter as that which appeared to be dead is now showing signs of life; thank God for Easter and for new life. I pray that we will allow our Easter God to begin a new work in and through each one of us as we join together to serve in His church.

In the near future, I would like to add some short dramas to our morning worship services, dramas that would help deliver the message. To do so, we need persons from our congregation that would be willing to give this a try. If you are the least bit interested, give me a call or see me and I will tell you what I have in mind. I believe it will be fun and powerful as we tell our story of redemption. Thank you for your response.

See you Sunday-- what a Sunday it will be!

Don Bishop

Lexington Baptist Association

## WMU SPRING MEETING

Get in on the (Mission) Action



Red Bank Baptist Church  
March 31, 2008  
6:45 p.m.

Meet International Mission Board Missionary:  
Rev Gene Phillips  
Meet State WMU Associate: Mrs. Cindy Skelton

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Come see what God is doing and can do through you.

### WORSHIP WITH HOLLAND AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday, April 6 6:00 p.m.

On this evening, The SC Baptist Singing Churchmen will be presenting a concert. Holland Avenue Pastor Charles Wilson has invited First Baptist to worship with them for this event, and we have accepted.

We will be moving our evening service to Holland Avenue for this evening.

This concert begins a Spring Tour for the Singing Churchmen and is their only Columbia-area concert this year.

Don't miss this special worship experience!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS!! DON'T MISS THESE TWO EVENTS

**Sunday School Breakfast**  
**Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. – Burris Hall.**

This will be a chance for you to meet the new leadership team in Sunday School and also receive important information. The meeting will only last about 30 minutes and breakfast will be included. All Sunday School leaders are urged to be there ( directors, teachers, outreach coordinators, etc.) If you cannot attend, please select a representative from your class to attend in your place.

**Sunday School Done Right by Allan Taylor.**  
**Led by Ren Bray**  
**Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
**Continental breakfast & lunch provided.**

We will meet in Burris Hall to experience this training event. This training is for anyone currently involved in Sunday School Leadership or interested in becoming involved. Allan Taylor is one of the foremost authors and speakers in the area of Sunday School training. Some of the topics that will be covered are: Outreach, Teaching, and Ministering to Your Sunday School Class. You can register in the church office or in your Sunday School class. If you have any questions please contact Jim Shealy, Melissa Wandover, or Ren Bray. I look forward to our time together and a great future for First Baptist Church of West Columbia.

### Ratcliffe Family Update

Many of you have been following our struggle about returning to our former mission position in Russia. The Russian government has created new laws making long term ministry very difficult and in some ways impossible. Our Team in Khabarovsk along with our main office in Moscow is working hard to find a way around this new law, but without much success. This law will eventually affect all missionaries in Russia, but being on "stateside assignment" we need to make decisions now.

In light of these unknowns, we are considering taking a "leave of absence" from the IMB to finish Jody's Master's of Divinity Seminary Degree. We are asking you to pray for us as you always have, but this time specifically for a new mission field to open up soon or wisdom in transitioning back to the US.

Jody and Melanie Ratcliffe



## HAPPY EASTER

The church office will be closed on Good Friday, March 21.



**THANKS** to our Youth Drama Group for your excellent presentation of “The Case of the Missing Body”. You gave us a lot to think about as we move into Holy Week.

I hope you are planning to be with us for our Easter Sunday celebrations. This is always a special time of worship. Invite someone to come with you and join us as we celebrate!

**SPRING GARDEN TOUR**  
**Charleston and Orangeburg**  
**Tuesday, April 15**

We have 32 already signed up for this trip **Total Cost is \$73.00.** That includes bus ride, admission to the gardens AND lunch at RB’s Seafood!! A \$40 deposit is due March 30; the balance is due April 13. You will also need to make your entrée choice for lunch. Contact me for the choices. Sign up soon; don’t be left out!



**Thursday, March 20 11 am**  
**Speaker: Fran Rametta**  
**Congaree State Park Ranger**

We will have a combination science lesson/information program. Fran Rametta, will bring us information about the park as well as important information on the issue of global warming.

**YOUTH MUSIC ACTIVITY**

You should have received a letter from me about this event. If you didn’t, contact me now to get one. Our youth will be joining with youth from Broadacres, Green Hill, Holland Avenue, Lexington and Trinity Baptist Churches to present “Made to Worship”. We will begin with a big pizza supper/rehearsal on Friday May 4 from 6:30—9:00 p.m. at Lexington Baptist Church. **This rehearsal is mandatory.** I must know by April 2 if you are attending.

*Charlton*



**5th Sunday Night Fellowship Supper**

**Sunday, March 30**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Burriss Hall**

Bring your favorite covered dishes and join us for a great time of fellowship



**LIGHTHOUSE STUDENT MINISTRIES**

**Thank You Gordon & Students**

Last night’s program was really wonderful and certainly was a great way to kick off the Easter Season. Gordon Jackson has put in countless volunteer hours with the students to make this program a success. In addition to his hard work and devotion, Gordon’s positive attitude and patience with the students has been remarkable. I would like to also take this opportunity too thank all of the students for their hard work and devotion. We look forward to more dramas and social events in the future. If you would like to be a part of any future dramas or special events, please let me know. We are putting together a drama team that may also be a part of some of our worship services.

**Time for Spring Cleaning**

Believe it or not spring time is here again and with the Easter holiday rapidly approaching it’s time to get your yard and house back in to shape. We have several students that are trained to do everything from basic lawn maintenance, to pressure washing, to fertilization, to pruning, even installing shrubs and bedding plants. All students will be supervised and all work is guaranteed. For a free estimate, please give me a call at your convenience. You will also be giving these students an opportunity to develop working skills and become more independent.

**Fundraising for 2008**

Every year, fundraising efforts allow the students to have opportunities that they would not normally have. Fundraising also reduces the burden on parents and teaches the students responsibility. After reviewing our fundraising efforts over 2007, we have decided that the Sonic discount cards and the M&M’s candy fundraiser were the two most effective with the least amount of effort. This year, these will be our primary fundraisers and they will be ongoing throughout the year. If you would like to participate and support our students, please see one of our students or stop by the youth office. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

*[Signature]*



**National Goal:**  
**\$61 million**

**FBC GOAL:**  
**\$6,000**

**Received to date:**  
**\$2,941.97**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**  
**March 23-29, 2008**

**Sunday, March 23**

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at  
 Riverwalk Amphitheater  
 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening  
 9:30 a.m. Library Open  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:40 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 No Evening Activities

**Tuesday, March 25**

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time  
 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

**Wednesday, March 26**

4:30 p.m. Piece Makers  
 5:30 p.m. Supper  
 Library opens  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Lighthouse  
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs  
 6:30 p.m. Missions Friends Birth—2  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
 6:45 p.m. Missions Friends 3,4 & 5  
 6:45 p.m. RA's & GA's  
 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, March 27**

9:00 a.m. Life Exercise  
 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

**VITAL SIGNS**  
**March 16, 2008**

Sunday School	182
In-Home	41
Helping Hands	70
Hope Bridge	60
National Health Care	22
<b>Total in Bible Study</b>	<b>375</b>

**MEMORIALS**

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
In memory of Mildred Taylor and  
David Wilson  
 Given by Sharon Snyder  
**For Such A Time As This**  
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Hall  
 Given by Sharon Snyder

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**  
**March 23**

**HEALTH MINISTRY**

Pat Tindal

**EXT. TEACHING CARE**

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

**11:00 a.m. Worship**

**Babies and Ones**

Nick and Jill Zueger  
 Debra Shepherd

**Twos and Threes**

Laura Rose, Kati Gauden

**SOUND**

Rich Wandover

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS**

**Snyder Building**

Gene and Laverne Wilbur

**Burriss Building**

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

**Front Lower Level**

Boyd and Azalee Anderson

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 DO NOT DELAY!**



**Pray for These  
 Hospitalized  
 Members:**

as of Tuesday,  
 March 17

**We are not aware of any  
 hospitalized church members  
 at press time.  
 If you know of anyone going into  
 the hospital, please notify  
 the church office.**

**REMEMBER  
 OUR  
 TRANSITION  
 TEAM  
 IN PRAYER**

Bob Hazel  
 Jack Hill  
 Len Hill  
 Bob Price  
 Greg Shepherd  
 Terry Smith

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall  
 Deadline for reservations and cancellations  
 is noon Monday.



**March 26**

Roast Beef  
 Rice/Gravy  
 Green Beans  
 Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$4.00  
 Children 4 & under FREE

Children (5-9) \$3.00

**Pray every day for our church!**