



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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## ***Experience Joy!*** ***"A New Approach to Giving"***

### **November Stewardship Focus**

*"Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing."*

Malachi 3:10

**Worship through Giving! Obedience through Giving!**

**Catch Up and Renewal Sunday  
Nov. 23 AM Worship**

**FBC Ministry Fair  
Nov. 23 6pm Burris Hall**



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## Clean-up Day



**Saturday, November 15  
9am-2pm.**

Come join us for a special day of "sprucing up" our property. We need a lot of workers to join with the Building and Grounds Committee to tackle many issues. We want this to be a fun day of fellowship. Sunday School leaders and class members may use

this day to come and de-clutter their rooms or spruce them up. We need strong men to help move heavy things to the garbage can. Please see Eunice Lee for details. Adults please bring \$2 for lunch. (Participating youth and college students will eat for free!)

**GO TELL**  
the story of Jesus

**Week of Prayer for  
International Missions  
November 30-December 7  
Lottie Moon Offering  
Church Goal: \$8,000**

**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  
Discipleship Training

**Wednesday**  
4:30 pm Piece Makers  
5:30 pm Supper Line opens  
6:00 pm Library open  
LIGHTHOUSE  
Children's Choirs  
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting  
6:45 pm RA's, GA's,  
Mission Friends  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



This month we are thinking seriously about our stewardship opportunities as servants of our Lord. Matthew 6:21 states, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." I translate that verse to mean that what is important to us "shows". It shows in our priority of time, in our support of money, and in our behavior. I have never met a Christian that was in love with Jesus and had trouble with tithing. Tithing comes naturally for a fully devoted follower of Christ.

During this month, if you do not tithe, experiment by giving a tenth. See if God is true to His Word. What do you have to lose?

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

**Sunday, November 16**  
**Rev. Jody Ratcliffe preaching**

**A.M. A Transformation of Attitude**  
**Genesis 4:4-7**

**P.M. Financial Blessings Begins With Prayer.**



Anne Marie Brown has been chosen for the SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY HONORS CHOIR this year. 247 children from across the state were chosen. Anne Marie had a perfect score at the audition. The performance will be on Saturday, Feb. 07, 2009 at 9:30 AM at the Charleston Embassy Suites Convention Center. We would like to thank Charlton for the wonderful training he is giving to our children and to Amelia Schaffer and all the others who are helping him! THANK YOU!!!



The First Baptist Church Family and Staff extend Christian love and deepest sympathy to...

....Dorothy Thompson in the death of her husband, George Thompson

**Pray daily for the work of our**  
**Pastor Search Team**



Bobby Horton, Chairman  
 Allan Murray, vice-chair  
 Debra Gauden, sec.  
 Clyde Blackburn Billy Hayes  
 Amelia Schafer Greg Shepherd



**Thursday, November 20**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Speaker: Dottie Bokanovich**

Dottie is a member of Broadacres with an incredible story to share. Her father was a prisoner of the Japanese during WWII and was involved in trials of war criminals following the war. Come hear this inspiring story and see her collection of news reports and artifacts from this time. Come join us for the fellowship and the best \$4 lunch in town!

**CHARLESTON CHRISTMAS TRIP!!** Final payments of \$48/person are due November 20. This trip is Friday, December 12, departing at 1 p.m.

Singing His Praises!

*Charlton*



**COME HELP DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS!**

On Monday, November 24, beginning at 6:30, we will be lighting the trees and hanging the garland in our sanctuary for the Christmas season. All ages are welcome to help as we make our sanctuary beautiful and as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord!

**CHRISTMAS PACKETS FOR PRISONERS**

Again this year, we will be partnering with the SC Baptist Convention to provide packets for prisoners. The following items will be included. You can provide them, or make a donation toward their purchase. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions. Approved items are:

- one blue or black non retractable pen (no wire clip)
- one 6 oz. or larger toothpaste
- one adult sized toothbrush (factory sealed)
- one 4-6 oz. bar of soap
- one 50 page 5 1/2 x 8 or larger writing tablet (100 pages max. no wire binding)
- five first class stamp embossed envelopes (purchased at US post office)
- two rolls of Lifesavers or Mentos type candy

**NOTE:** All items must fit in gallon size zipper plastic bag.



This week the South Carolina Baptist Convention holds their annual meeting. I will be attending the SC Youth Ministers Network all day on Monday with tons of old colleagues looking forward

to some great training. On Tuesday, I will be attending the North Greenville University's Ministers Luncheon, praising God for allowing us to serve in this great state.

Our Discipleship Courses are wrapping up in the next week. I am looking forward to working with many more talented folks as we plan next semester's courses. Join me in prayer as we look forward to a great year of spiritual growth in 2009. Our church has lots to look forward to, I can promise you that!

Please attend these next two critical weeks as we focus our sermons on stewardship for "Experience Joy: A New Approach to Giving." Let's pack the pews.

**Janie Chapman Offering  
for State Missions**

**FBCWC Goal:           \$3,000.00**  
**Received to date       \$2,999.81**



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

Our youth group is like a bag of trail mix. I came up with that in 2003. You see, no two kids are alike in our group. They all have distinct and different backgrounds, family situations, personalities, desires for life, and struggles. Just like trail mix, every piece is important to the whole and adds to the taste. The catch is figuring out where each one is spiritually, meeting them there, and helping them become their potential. Please keep praying for me and all of our youth leaders to do just that.



**What is a Ministry Fair?**

On November 23, all the ministries of FBC West Columbia will be on display for you to see. It will be amazing! We will have 19 displays to show all the ways God has been at work in our church in the last year. You are invited to visit each display, enjoy some light snacks and fellowship, and credit God for all He has done.



*Thanksgiving  
Dinner*

*Tuesday, November 25 6:00 p.m.*

*Burriss Hall      Traditional Menu*

*catered by Paul Bessinger*

*Adult - \$6    Children - \$3.50*

*Reservations required by November 23*

*Call the church office or use a regular  
supper reservation form*



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 7. Fill out the form below and return it with \$13.00 in the offering plate or to the church office by Sunday, November 23.

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

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my poinsettia(s) for home use.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE  
November 16-22, 2008**

Sunday, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. College/Singles Breakfast
- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Discipleship Training Classes

Monday, November 17

- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team

Tuesday November 18

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

Wednesday, November 19

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Handbells
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- Library opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Church Conference
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's ,
- Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Best Yet to Come

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES  
November 16, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams and Melissa Wandover

Twos and Threes

Debra Shepherd and Kimberly Franks

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

Dorothy Thompson and Ruby Clamp

**Burriss Building**

Rich and Melissa Wandover

**Front Lower Level**

Andrew and Colette Hutto

SOUND

Rich Wandover and James Franks

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DO NOT  
DELAY!



The church office is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on Friday from 8:30 am - 1:00 pm. The financial secretary is not available on Wednesday; the church secretary is not available on Friday.



Pray for These  
Hospitalized  
Members:

As of Tuesday,  
Nov. 11, 2008

Lexington Medical Center

Mrs. Margaret Perry  
Mrs. Joyce Crider

Palmetto Richland

Mrs. Frances Alban

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

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



**November 19**

Roast Beef  
Rice & Gravy, Green Beans  
Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$5.00      Children (5-9) \$3.00  
Children 4 & under FREE



**YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS**

All contributions for the end of 2008 **must** be submitted no later than Sunday, December 28th. Contributions received after 12/28/08 will be counted for the 2009 tax year.