



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Fall Semester  
Classes Begin  
This Sunday  
October 5  
at 6 P.M.

Children (Grade 1-Grade 5)

### “I’m a Christian Now”

led by Sallie Bozard

Young Musicians Choir Room

Youth (Grade 6-Grade 12)

### “Bible Navigators”

led by Joyce Gunter

High School Sunday School Classroom

Married Couples (of all ages!)

### “Your Time-Starved Marriage”

led by Jody and Melanie Ratcliffe

Adult 2 Classroom

**JOIN US FOR THESE UNIQUE CLASSES!**

## FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

The Pastor Search Team requests your assistance as we seek to identify the man God has chosen to be our next Senior Pastor. Please ask any prospective candidates to apply by mailing their resume by October 31, 2008 to:

Pastor Search Team

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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

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



Our Pastor Search Team has received a vast supply of information from our congregation and they are well underway. Sunday night we had a very healthy discussion concerning the “profile of the next pastor” as we gathered and shared acquired information about our dreams and prayers for our next Pastor. We are a diverse congregation with many vantage points, yet we seem to agree, in general, as to the type of pastor that we are seeking. Pulpit skills and people skills, personal walk with God and fellowship with our people, caring and loving, a leader that brings us along - all these and more came to the forefront.

Will we get a pastor that pleases everyone? I hope not! That person would not be real. Can we get a pastor that pleases God? I hope so! If we get a pastor that is in good favor with God, lives and displays the message of God, loves people as God loves them, I don't care if he parts his hair on the left or right or even if he has hair. I am sure that our next pastor will need encouragement and support from every member, he will need time to gain trust and he will need friends.

Meanwhile, I sure am proud of the membership of West Columbia First. We have come through some hard times and they have been tough. We have a way to go but we are on the way. You have accomplished much in just a few months through the guidance of our Transition Team; they have served well. Every Task Team has been faithful in their assignments. Our church has worked together in this labor of love. Thank you for your efforts and cooperation.

The Promised Land is in sight- do not lose heart and do not let up. Pray, attend, serve and give.

To God be the Glory

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

**Sunday, October 5**

11:00 a.m.

**Jonah: Reluctant Service**

Jonah 1:1-16

6:00 p.m.

**Lord's Prayer**

Matthew 6



Ryan Wright has been called as Minister of Youth at Hagood Avenue Baptist Church in Barnwell. A former member of our church, he was youth summer intern during the summer of 2003 and is a graduate of North Greenville University.



**TRIPS COMING UP!**

Asheville, NC Folk Arts Center,  
Farmers Market, Apples

Tuesday, October 28

Cost: \$35

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, October 12.

**Charleston Christmas Show**

Dinner at R.B.'s Seafood

Friday, December 12

Cost: \$98

The cost includes transportation, ticket to the show and dinner. Please see me for a list of menu choices.

**DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT!!**

A \$50 deposit is due by Thursday, October 16.

This is necessary so tickets can be ordered and reservations made.

**Lunch Bunch**

Monday, October 6

River Cats and LBA Office

Depart at 10:30



**Your Time-Starved Marriage**



*Marriage  
Enrichment*

Couples of all ages, do you feel like you battle each week for just a little quality time with your spouse? Our work, our kids' needs, errands and surprises to our schedules seem to suffocate our number one relationship most of the time. Please take part in our 6 week study designed to give you more control over your time and stay connected to one another as we live at the speed of life. This course is designed for couples of all ages in all walks of life. We will meet in the Adult 2 Sunday School class, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Burris Building starting this Sunday, October 5. No cost is involved, but priceless, biblical lessons are to be found.



**PASTOR  
SEARCH TEAM**

**PRAY DAILY FOR OUR  
PASTOR SEARCH TEAM**

Bobby Horton, Chairman

Allan Murray, vice-chair

Debra Gaulden, sec.

Clyde Blackburn Billy Hayes

Amelia Schafer Greg Shepherd



I am so thankful to be serving the Lord here at this time in history! We learned on Sunday night that within 3 miles of our church, the largest age group is 20-24 years old. The second is 25-34 years old. These are my peers! This is why we are developing numerous programs to nurture children, college students, young singles, and young families (see Discipleship Training Semester Courses). We are surrounded by them. FBC is in a fantastic location. We are encased in blooming neighborhoods. Let's be open to safe, new ways to reach new people.

### Committees: It is time to WORK!

The biggest insult can happen when a person is asked to serve the church on a vital committee, but that committee NEVER meets. Each committee has been established to govern a specific ministry of the body of Christ. I want to encourage committees to meet within the next month and establish what work the Lord has called them to do. Many need to elect a chairman first thing. Looking over the Committee list, it is amazing that so many of our people are serving. Dear Committees, your staff is here to empower you and let you lead out in your specific duties.



## Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

### It's Finally Here!

S.N.A.C is back. Sunday Night After Church, we will depart from church campus for dinner out together. Parents, we will be back no later than 8:15pm because we want to honor the school night. Please bring around \$5.00 for your meal. We want all of our youth to attend so if you need financial assistance, just let Jody know.

### Bible Navigators

Knowing and loving the Word of God is so essential to our lives. It is our only Word and the voice of God recorded! Meet Sunday evening at 6pm in the High School Classroom to begin your journey on handling the Bible with wisdom and accuracy.

### Judgment House

We will be going to this live and interactive drama on October 25. It is held at Trenholm Road Baptist in Columbia. This is a Saturday, so we will go to Judgment House and grab some supper together. Check the bulletin board outside the Lighthouse to sign up!



## Café Connection

Ladies, would you like to have a little more time just for you? Would you like to connect better with women like yourself? **Café Connection** is starting up and this is simply dinner out with just the ladies. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun.

Our first **Café Connection** will be on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to the Copper River Grill on Bower Parkway in the Harbison area. You can meet at the church at 6pm to carpool or meet us at the restaurant at 6:30pm. All FBC ladies are welcome.

For more information, please contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor. Let them know you are coming. Café Connection will meet every so often, will be real casual, and will seek to meet the spiritual need in every woman's life for true sisterhood.

### FROM OUR G.A.'s



Thank you all for your donations to our *Christmas in August* mission project. Thank you especially to Joyce Crider for making the Christmas stockings. We were able to stuff 24 stockings!

## STATE FAIR MINISTRY NEEDS

The **2008 State Fair** is nearly here. We are asking for your help again in providing home-baked goods to be used in our Association's ministry to the workers there. Please see the list in the next column for our needs. Contact Ann Waldrop if you have questions.

- Cookies, Brownies, Bars, etc.  
(4 large cookies or 2 brownies per zip lock bag)
- Cupcakes (2 large or 3 small per zip lock bag)
- Cakes w/o icing (two slices per zip lock bag)

Bring your food to the kitchen by Sunday, October 5  
Mark it "STATE FAIR MINISTRY".

*Food will be picked up and delivered to the fair on Monday, October 6*

## MEMORIALS

### In Home Ministry

In loving memory of Roy Faulk

Given by Dorothy Thompson

### For Such A Time As This

In loving memory of Roy Faulk

Given by Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Shull,

Mr. & Mrs. Hughey Livingston and Ruby Clamp

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**

**October 5-11, 2008**

Sunday, October 5

- 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
- Church Orientation Class
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Handbells
- WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Youth S.N.A.C

Monday, October 6

- 10:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch to River Cats
- 6:30 p.m. Pastor Search Team

Tuesday October 7

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

Wednesday, October 8

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's ,  
Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, October 9

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer  
Group
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**

**October 5, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Frances Watson  
Debra Shepherd

Twos and Threes

Richard and Dawn Kimura

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

Marion Gunter, Sr.

**Burriss Building**

Nan Bannister

**Front Lower Level**

Clyde & Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

Rich Wandover

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DO NOT  
DELAY!**



Pray for These  
Hospitalized  
Members:

As of Tuesday,  
Sept. 30 2008

**Lexington Medical Cent.**

Rodney Summer



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 available from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

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



**October 8**

- Roast Beef
- Rice and Gravy
- Green beans
- Rolls and Dessert

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children (5-9) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Preschoolers (under 4) \_\_\_\_\_

Make this a permanent reservation \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray every day for our church!**

**Janie Chapman Offering**  
FBC Goal: \$3,000    Rec'd to date: \$2,628