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DEACON ELECTION

Sunday, August 9

This year we will be asking the church to select six men to serve as deacons. The men selected will serve a three-year term.

Please read Acts 6:1-7 and 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and begin now to prayerfully consider your choices.

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Our G.A.'s are inviting the church to celebrate Christmas in August. We are collecting items needed for a missionary's ministry to be used at Christmas time.

This year we are helping to support Charles Reed, a missionary with the Greater Cleveland County Baptist Association in Shelby, NC.

Charles ministers to the homeless and needy in his area.

Items needed are:

- children's socks and underwear
- school supplies (for all ages)
- toothbrush/toothpaste
- combs and hairbrushes
- wash cloths
- men's and women's socks
- toboggan caps
- Bibles (adult and children's editions)
- toiletry items

These items will be used in Christmas gift packets for migrant workers . We will be receiving items (or donations) until September. 16

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

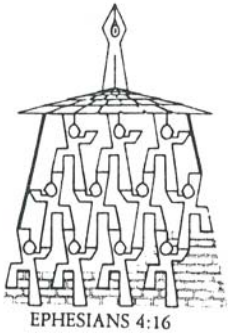
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Sunday

- 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
- Discipleship Training

Wednesday

- 4:30 pm Piece Makers
- 6:00 pm Library open
- LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Sunday morning we will elect deacons to serve for the coming years. This is an important time as we move forward following God through the Holy Spirit with Christ as Head of this body. You have heard me clearly, from the beginning; lay a foundation saying we will **always** have a Bibli-

cal basis for **all** we do. That is why you never hear me say Deacon Board or Board of Deacons. These terms imply a managing or governing role that is not Biblical. I speak of a Deacon Fellowship, Deacon Body or Deacon Servants. These are more accurate terms that follow Biblical descriptions of the office.

There are only two Biblical offices in the church; Pastor (Sometimes referred to as Overseer, Bishop or Elder which are all the same) and Deacon. The office of Deacon is that of a special servant of the church. The word Deacon comes from the Greek word *Diakonos* which means one who serves at tables. This is from the first Deacons elected or chosen in Acts 6 to literally serve in that humble but important capacity. Later the office became more formal as II Timothy 3 describes qualifications that speak of teaching. Some early Deacons also preached. However, nowhere in scripture do you find Deacons in a managing or governing role in the body of Christ.

Biblically the office is always one of humble servitude selected by a Spirit led process. It is not to be sought, campaigned for or coveted. The Deacon is first a man filled with the Holy Spirit. Look to Galatians 5:22 & 23 as well as I Timothy 3. This describes a Spirit filled man. Seek God's leadership for this important time and prayerfully study His word as we seek men that fill the Biblical role.

Bill

Sunday, August 9, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

A.M. "Chose Spirit Filled Men"
Acts 6:1-7 & I Timothy 3:8-13

P.M. "Knowing God"
Philippians 3:10

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mattie Boone



YOUNG MUSICIANS CAMP!

Thank you for your prayers and support for our week at camp. We had a great time. We learned the musical **GPS: God's Plan of Salvation** with over 300 other Young Musicians from around our state. Anne Marie Brown had a solo in the musical. During the week, 29 children came to know Christ as their Savior. It was, indeed, a great week!

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS BEGIN AUGUST 19



This year, we will have three choirs to meet the musical needs of our children.

MUSIC TIME
is a new choir for 3 - 4 year olds.

MUSIC MAKERS
will be for children age 5 through 2nd grade

YOUNG MUSICIANS
will be for children in grades 3-6

Our theme will be
**STRONG TOWER:
Knowing My King**
Children will learn Bible truths, musical concepts and Scriptures based on the names of God. Plan to join us at 6:00 p.m. each Wednesday beginning August 19!



Cafe Connection

Saturday
August 15
6:30 p.m.
Meat provided.
Bring sides!



at the home of
Allison Fowler
125 Manning Dr.

Twilite
Pool Party

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM
RESUMES AUGUST 19 AT 5:30 P.M.!**

**Fellowship Supper
Children's Music and Missions
Watch for details and join us!!!!**



I want to make a special request to our church concerning our outreach to BC High School. We plan our budgets around the end of the year and try our best to predict how

we will use them. God has opened a door for us that we did not plan on seeing open. We will be feeding the entire JV and Varsity Football teams along with coaching staff this week and would like to ask for special donations to cover the cost of the food. I will have an opportunity to share the gospel with all 120 players and coaches! These are the things we pray for and God has answered our prayers! Please consider giving in addition to your tithe towards this ministry event. God is and always has been at work on school campuses. Now, he is allowing us to be used as a part of His plan.



HOME RUN:
Sunday School Training
August 15 8:00am-12pm
Trinity Baptist Church

Please join us as we seek to be better leaders and teachers in Sunday School. I want us to be the best teachers we can be and to correctly deliver God's word week in and week out. What a great responsibility we have, but good training is here! The South Carolina Baptist Convention is conducting this one day event for our area. There is no cost involved. If you would like to come, no need to sign up, just meet us there at 8am. We will register together and then find our classes.

I enjoyed preaching for you this past Sunday morning. Thank you for giving me an audience, but more importantly thank you for being open to the challenge presented in God's word. It is a powerful word, but we can obey! I look forward to all God is going to do through each of you as you follow Him!



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Thanks Michael!

Our summer has been blessed to have Michael Cavalear leading us. Michael began here as a youth himself and now he has completed his 10 weeks of internship. How have our teenagers grown since meeting Michael? Michael brought to them a passion for serving and obeying Jesus. He has taught them the importance of being Christ-like in every aspect of life. He has given his time to take them places for fellowship, has taught one youth guitar basics, and helped us better understand worship. We will be sad to see Michael leave us next week. We will pray for his senior year at North Greenville University and I know we will continue to hear great things about Michael.

Fall Retreat 2009: "Double Trouble"

Parents, our Fall Retreat Letter is on the way to you. We want to take all of our youth, so speak to me if you may need some financial assistance. We will work together as a church to provide for those in need. The trip is planned for Labor Day Weekend, September 5-7. Please speak to me if you have any questions. We will be taking lots of adult chaperones so they will be well taken care of. Spiritually speaking, our focus will be on "CHANGE." The Bible studies are "student led" as they will be researching the scriptures each day in small groups. If any of our readers feel led to make special donations towards needy teenagers, that is greatly appreciated and we do have needs!

Outreach Update:

Prayerwalking and Survey Work

this Saturday, August 8 2-4 pm.

Meet in the Lighthouse.

Water Bottles at the Riverwalk

August 23 2-4 pm.

Meet in the Lighthouse.



Michael's View

Well guys, I am sad to say that this is my last week here with the First Family. I am sorry I was not here this past Sunday due to my sickness that had me bedridden for 2 days! I am happy to report that I am feeling so much better! This summer has been a wild and crazy summer that I got to spend with you guys!! The expectations that I had coming in were very high! The standards that I had for my self to minister to our youth were very high! I am thrilled to see our students changed because of what the Lord accomplished this summer. It is my utmost prayer that you guys as a church will continue to help our youth grow

in their faith. Lead by example. Jody can not do this job all on his own. If the First Family will continue to support Jody and what he is trying to establish here, the youth program will be sending out youth to college mentally and spiritually prepared and I believe that Jody and I have accomplished that this summer but we can't just stop because the summer is over. We must press on as a body of Christ to greater things that God has in store for these youth and The First Family can really help in that. Press on and keep the faith!! God Bless all of you, and I look forward to hearing how God is impacting the First Family!

God Bless,

Michael

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
August 9-15, 2009

Sunday, August 9

- 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
Deacon Election
- 4:00 p.m. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday, August 11

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:00 a.m. Gertrude Ross Group
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 7:00 p.m. Josephine Hair Group

Wednesday, August 12

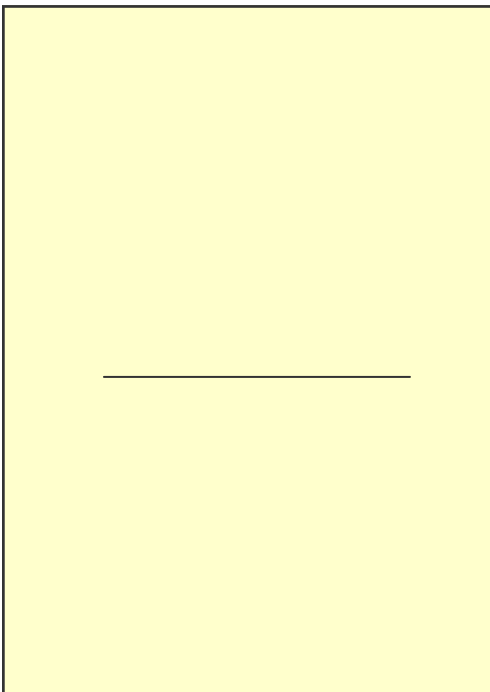
- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service/Church Conf.
Children's Music Activity
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 13

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



as of Monday, August 3
 No church members are known
 to be hospitalized.



SPECIAL MINISTRIES
August 9, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Betty Noell and Sara Frances Watson

Twos and Threes

Dawn and Richard Kimura

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ann and Mike Jeffcoat

Burriss Building

Gerry Berry and Vivian Summer

Front Lower Level

Virginia and Jack Hill

SOUND

James Franks

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

For Such A Time As This

In loving memory of:
 Ben Hammett, Mertie Lee
 Ashby Lloyd, Naomi Snyder
 by Bernard and Betty Bourne

Duffel Bags for Foster Children

In honor of:
 Violet Wood
 by the Dorcas-Love Class



Help is needed in three special areas of ministry in our church. Give prayerful consideration to lending a hand.

Extended Session

Workers are needed to care for little ones during our morning worship service. Contact Sallie Bozard or Debra Shepherd.

Kid's Worship

Helpers are also needed in this ministry each Sunday morning. If you would be interested in helping with this ministry, contact Jody Ratcliffe or Jennifer Meador.

Sound Ministry

If you would like to learn to operate our sound system and help in this ministry, contact James Franks or Charlton Bozard

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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.