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First Baptist Church Calls Pastor



Dr. William H. (Bill) Drees
was called as our
Senior Pastor
on Sunday, February 8.
To God Be the Glory!

Dr. Drees currently serves as Director of Missions for the Kershaw Baptist Association. His wife, Cathy, teaches first grade at Blaney Elementary in Elgin. Pictured with them is a daughter, Jill, who lives in the area.

Another daughter, Katie, is a student at Southwestern Seminary.



He will begin his ministry with our church on Sunday, March 1.

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Sunday, February 15, is **BAPTIST** **WOMEN'S DAY** at First Baptist Church

Join us Sunday morning for a special service recognizing the contributions of Baptist Women in our church.

Our guest speaker in Morning Worship will be Mary Sutton, a board member of God's Helping Hands.

A Ladies Chorus will sing (see Charlton's column).

Our G.A.'s will be specially recognized.

A ladies' ensemble will also bring special music.

Don't miss this special service.

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

FROM OUR NEW SENIOR PASTOR

Life is Good!

First Baptist family, I wanted you to know I had a great time getting to know you Sunday. As we get to know each other I want to share a special anniversary. February 26 marks my 8th anniversary of my only kidney stone. Before you call the guys in white coats and reserve the padded room this is a special time for me to celebrate life! Eight years ago that stone woke me at 2 AM and began a journey that saved my life. It led to the discovery of a rare disease and three aneurysms on my renal arteries on the outside of each kidney that were about to send me on an early exit from this world. Nothing gets your attention like a talk with the most prominent specialist in the nation and hearing him say he doesn't like the way this looks. For a more detailed account you can go to, www.billdrees.blogspot.com. Anyway, I had two life saving surgeries. And my surgeon told my wife this was the situation that was usually discovered in the autopsy. He said, "God still has work for him to do."

I Thessalonians 5:16 commands us to "Rejoice always" so, as I begin each day 'admiring' the 25 inch scar around my 32 inch midsection and go through the day with no feeling in my abdomen, I seek to make the most of the gift of life. I look forward to rejoicing and enjoying life and the days ahead with you as we see what the Father has in store for us!

Bill



What a great day this past Sunday was. I hope you are as excited about the calling of Dr. Drees as I am. Great things are ahead for our church. Decide now to be involved with them.

Sanctuary Choir is working on "The Risen Christ" for presentation at Easter. Come join us each Wednesday at 7:30!



LADIES, don't forget Baptist Women's Day coming this Sunday. Meet me in the choir loft at 9:30 for a quick run-through of our music for the service. Then we will meet in the choir room after Sunday School. Join us for one or both of those times and sing with us in worship.



**Thursday, February 19
11:00 a.m.**

**Guest Speaker:
R D Roberts**

RD is a retired Minister of Music and local business man. He has written a historical novel set in his home state of Oklahoma, incorporating facts from his family and local history. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing. Come join us!

February 15, 2009 Valentine's "Night at the Movies" FELLOWSHIP

Join us for a great time of fellowship on Sunday, February 15 beginning at 4:30 p.m. Bring your favorite snacks to share with one another around the tables. At 5:00 p.m. we will begin a showing of the new movie "FIREPROOF" starring Kirk Cameron.

This movie is an action-packed drama about a firefighter, his wife and a marriage worth rescuing. The movie will keep you in the edge of your seat as the main character explores God's design for relationships and marriage.

Childcare and activities will be provided for young children who may not be interested in the movie.

MEMORIALS

FBCWC

In loving memory of Sarah Shealy
Given by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Cheek

FSATAT

In loving memory of Helen Phillips
Given by the In Home Ministry



Let's Meet for Lunch

**Sunday, February 22
after morning worship Burriss Hall**

Menu:

**Baked Lasagna Mixed Green Salad
Garlic Bread Dessert Tea/Coffee**

Cost:

**Adults - \$7 Children (5-10) - \$4
4 and under - free**

Funds raised from this event will benefit our Benevolence Fund and its ministry to hunger needs in our community.

Tickets are available in the church office or from a member of the Benevolence Committee: Grace Shepherd, Miriam King, or Cheryl Simpson.

NOTE: This is HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY in Sunday School. Invite your friends and family to church AND to lunch!!!



I LOVE SUNDAY SCHOOL!

I believe we came to worship on Sunday with great expectations and great anticipation. The man God has called to be our Senior Pastor led in a very pastoral and loving way in all he did with us. It brings me great comfort knowing he will be leading us. Everyone's patience, hard work, fervent prayers, and trust in God's sovereignty has come to fruition. We all trusted our theology and the results began to take shape Saturday and Sunday.

Folks, we had 195 in Sunday School! Our High Attendance Goal is not for two weeks and it is set at 200. We may make it before then! Great job using our Growth Emphasis these last two weeks.

This Sunday is "I Love My Neighbor Day."

Pray about your neighborhood and who needs the Bible and the Lord and invite them in. Our home can be theirs.



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Our church can be very proud of our young people. They were very involved this weekend in meeting Pastor Bill and voting for him on Sunday. They considered themselves a vital part of this historical occasion and did their part in the Body of Christ.

I am seeing our youth gain a clearer picture of what "church" really is. They are beginning to understand that being a believer is not just one part of your life, but it envelopes your life. God is very active in them. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role in their lives!

We kicked off our True Love Waits Bible Studies last week and they will last for 7 sessions. We will equip our teens to hold on to their purity and seek holiness above all things. Pray for me as I lead through this difficult, but necessary topic. We will be in Maggie Valley this weekend and will not be with you on Sunday. This is our annual Winter Retreat. We are taking 21 students and 6 adult leaders. Pray for our safety and spiritual growth. Thank you.



Called To Love



A brunch for all women and girls of

First Baptist Church

sponsored by W.M.U.

Saturday, February 14, 2009

10:30 a.m. ~ 12:15 p.m. Burriess Hall

Guest Speaker: Linda Hite

Linda is a ministry assistant for the

Lexington Baptist Association and

will share her testimony and tell of her involvement in

mission trips to India and Israel.

Special Music by Dina Taylor

Cost: A canned good to be donated

to God's Helping Hands



HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Take a moment to lift this member up in prayer this week. If you can, send a card or note or make a phone call to them.

Mertie Lee



River Springs Church, the mission of our church established in the Peak area, baptized 16 new believers in a baptismal service held this past Sunday at the YMCA pool. To God Be The Glory!

From the Pastor Search Team:

Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

The Pastor Search Team would like to thank the congregation for their support and prayers during our search process. Thank you, Kitchen Team, and all those who prepared food for Saturday's drop-in. A very special thank you to Pastor Don Bishop for his invaluable training and leadership during this process.

Thank you to God for the unity, clarity and guidance he provided in bringing Pastor Bill and Cathy together with FBCWC.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
February 15-21, 2009**

Sunday, February 15

- 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
- 4:30 p.m. Gather for Valentine's "Night at the Movies"
- 5:00 p.m. "FIREPROOF" - the movie

Tuesday, February 17

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

Wednesday, February 18

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 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
Youth Retreat Leaders

Thursday, February 19

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

Friday, February 20

- 5:00 p.m. Youth and College/Singles depart for Winter Jam

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
February 15, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams and Angie Johnson

Twos and Threes

Kimberly Franks and Debra Shepherd

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Dorothy Thompson and Ruby Clamp

Burriss Building

Jim Shealy

Front Lower Level

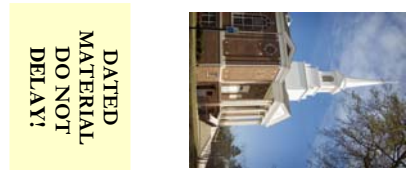
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DO NOT
DELAY!**

**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:**
As of Tuesday,
Feb. 10, 2009

No church members are known to be hospitalized.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



February 18
BBQ Sandwich
Baked Beans, Slaw
Rolls & Dessert

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

We're on the Web!
www.fbcwc.com

Check out the website for pictures from the weekend with Dr. Bill Drees and his family. You can also go there to read a profile of him. You can even sign up to receive the Tie Binder by email.

*Pray every day
for
First
Baptist Church*



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.