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Leading Your Child to Christ

Parents' Personal Evangelism Course

Sunday, January 18 6pm

Burriss Hall

led by Sallie Bozard



It is exciting when a child feels and accepts the invitation to follow Christ. Becoming a Christian is a decision that affects every decision in life.

Given the importance of that decision, all parents are invited to be part of a class that will complement what you are currently doing to assist your child in growing in Christ.

You are your child's best teacher and primary Bible teacher. This class will equip you to guide your child on this journey to follow Christ.

Join us in Burriss Hall this Sunday!



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Baptist Men's Day January 25

Guest Speaker Men's Choir
Testimonies

We will also observe the
Ordinance of Baptism

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



Sunday night I preached on the great parable found in Matthew 20 and called the sermon "God's Pay Scale". In the last verse Jesus told us that the first would be last and that the last would be first. Translated this verse means that the rules and expectations of our everyday life do not apply to the Kingdom of God, therefore God's pay scale is not based on merit, hard work, success, or achievement but it is based on God's grace and only on God's grace! That new rule is difficult for us to grasp as we have been told that we must always produce to be recognized, that we must work for any reward. True in our world but not true in the kingdom world.

God's grace means that God is generous in ways only God can understand. God, the landowner in the parable, gave all workers a fair day's wage, not because they earned it but because grace was his nature. Some grumbled and thought the landowner to be unfair; they missed the grace element and the joy of working alongside the owner.

I don't understand God's grace. It is too wonderful for me to comprehend. How can God love us and this world after what we have done to Him and His children? God's grace is amazing!

John 1:16 in the Message says "We all live off his generous bounty, gift after gift after gift." Let's do away with the doctrine of merit and live under the doctrine of GRACE!

Don Bishop, Interim Pastor

Sunday, January 18, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Don Bishop

A.M. "Hands That Shed Innocent Blood"
Proverbs 6:16-19, Matthew 5: 21-24

P.M. "The Parable of Wheat and Weeds"
Matthew 13:24-43

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS LUNCHEON

The annual WMU sponsored International Students Luncheon at USC will be on Friday, January 23. It will be held at the South Quadrangle on Sumter Street from 12:00 pm -1:00 pm.

Food items needed for this event include: 18 dozen sandwiches cut in quarters, 12 dozen cookies, 2 large bags of potato chips, and 1 large vegetable tray with dip. Contact Brenda Hyatt or Joyce Crider if you would like to provide food or help at the luncheon. Please bring food items to the church by 10:00 am on Friday, January 23rd.



**BEST YET
TO COME**

Thursday, January 14

11:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Bobby Horton
Mayor of West Columbia

Come and hear what is developing in the city of West Columbia and enjoy a great meal and fellowship together!



SERAPH SONG

The Singing Women of South Carolina
In Concert

Saturday, January 24 5:30 p.m.

Members of Seraph Song represent dedication to the cause of Christ in ministry through music. Their purpose is to glorify God by providing choral experiences of excellence that encourage worship, provide leadership training and offer fellowship among women in ministry in South Carolina Baptist churches.

If you enjoy the Singing Churchmen, you will not want to miss this worship experience.

Charlton



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER LEADERS

Every Sunday, a layperson on our church leads a prayer before we take up our offering. If you would like to be involved in this part of our worship service, please contact Dina Taylor or Charlton Bozard.

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



It is my desire to see you grow in your walk with God. How do you "grow" you might ask? Well, first of all in your personal, daily relationship with Him. You need to be speaking each day with Him about your life, your purpose, your evangelism, etc. You also need to be reading your Bible each day. This is how He will speak back to you. It is a wonderful relationship to have and the depth is up to you! Secondly, you grow in your knowledge and passion for Christian living. The church is the single most powerful, kingdom moving entity on the earth. Here we must train you, equip you to be the best Christian you can be. We must also prepare you for whatever life may throw at you, give you the edge so to say. I say all this to encourage you to participate in our Spring Discipleship Series. These will begin February 8th. We will have the following:

Women's Bible Study (for women in all phases of life) led by Melanie Ratcliffe and Dina Taylor
 "LOVE AND LOGIC" for Parents led by Sallie Bozard
 Bible Navigators for Children (Grades 1-5) led by Joyce Gunter
 Youth Worship and Small Groups for our students led by Jody Ratcliffe and Belinda Inabinet

Men, do not feel left out. I am in the final stages of developing a Men's Group called "Chisled". It will be for young men, young fathers, and really any man who sees a deep need in his life for accountability, stability, and leadership skills. **We** need a group like this. Be expecting an invitation soon to our first night's event.

Deacons Meeting



The January Deacon's Meeting will be this Sunday, January 18. **Church Conference** will be held on Wednesday, January 21.



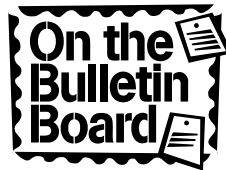
Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Our Winter Retreat 2009

We are planning our getaway for the winter and you can sign up now. Block out this date: February 14-16. We will be going to Maggie Valley, NC. Our main attraction will be snow tubing, but you will have some time to shop, eat, and just have fun together. We will have a serious Bible study theme over the weekend: "True Love Waits". This is about how to stay pure until that marriage day, how to properly treat the opposite gender, and what God thinks about your body and spirit. A parent/guardian letter has already been sent out with all the details. Cost is \$150 for everything.

Youth Movie Night
Friday, January 23 6-9 PM

We will be watching "Rebound" with Martin Lawrence, WAAAASSSUUP!. It is extremely funny. I can guarantee, like "Nacho Libre", this will be one of your favorite movies of all times. This is absolutely free for you and you can bring as many friends as you want. We will have some kind of grub (supper) for you while you watch. Please sign up outside the Lighthouse.



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from Frankie and Ginny Cooley, Dorothy Thompson and Joyce Crider. They are posted on the bulletin board near the church office.



The First Baptist Church family and staff extend our Christian love and sympathy to...
 ... Lena and Esther Mooneyhan in the loss of their brother, Jack Mooneyhan of Easley, SC.



VBS 2009! June 14-18

G'day mate! Hop on board the Boomerang Express and take a train ride across the Land Down Under! As kids wind their way through Australia, they will discover the vastness of God's love and they will learn that no matter where they go or what they do in life, it all comes back to Jesus. We are starting to plan already and want to invite YOU to teach, lead, and serve our children this summer. Please contact Jody if you already know where you would like to serve. Times have not been set yet. We want us to have the largest and most effective VBS we can. Pray now for God to bless us with many, many children.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
January 18-24, 2009**

Sunday, January 18

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Leading Your Child to Christ"
in Burriss Hall

Monday, January 19

- 6:30 Pastor Search Team

Tuesday, January 20

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

Wednesday, January 21

- 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, January 22

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

Friday, January 23

- 10:00 a.m. Bring food to church for USC
International Students Luncheon
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Movie Night

Saturday, January 24

- 5:30 p.m. Seraph Song in Concert

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
January 18, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Jill and Nick Zueger

Twos and Threes

Laura Rose and Kati Gauden

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ruby Clamp and Dorothy Thompson

Burriss Building

Jim Shealy

Front Lower Level

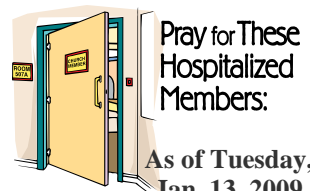
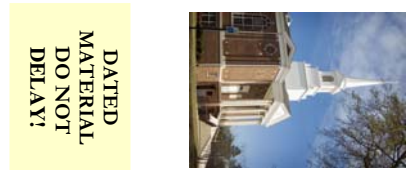
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Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:

As of Tuesday,
Jan. 13, 2009

No members known to be in
the hospital.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



January 21
BBQ Chicken
Hash, Rice
Slaw
rolls & dessert

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

