



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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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.

**These men have ended previous service as active deacons  
and are not eligible for nomination this year:**

Gerald Baker, Kevin Barfield, Clyde Blackburn, Billy Hayes,  
Allan Murray, Jim Schafer, Greg Shepherd, David Simpson

**These men are ending their service and  
are not eligible for nomination this year:**

Eric Fowler, Andrew Hutto, Lee Matthews

**These men have been previously ordained and  
are eligible for nomination:**

Boyd Anderson, Jim Bartley, Bernard Bourne, Olin Bradley,  
Martin Brown, Glenn Duke, William Fallaw, Calvin Feaster,  
Marion A. Gunter, Jr., Bob Hazel, Jack Hill,  
Tom Hook, Bobby Horton, Alfred Hutto, Mike Hutto,  
Wilbur Johnson, Ronald Lee, Bryce Lever, Bill McKnight,  
Jim Shealy, Kyle Taylor and Jim Tindal

Other men whom you consider to be filled with the Holy Spirit and  
fit the scriptural qualifications may also be nominated for consid-  
eration and ordination as the Holy Spirit directs.

Absentee voting will be available during office hours Monday  
through Friday, August 3-7; contact the church office for details  
about this procedure.

*Pray every day for First Baptist Church!*

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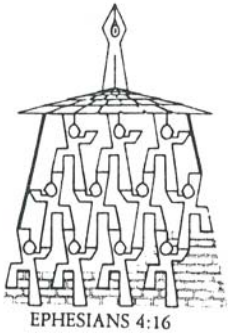
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#### Sunday

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

The next few weeks are important in the life of our church. I ask you to spend serious time in prayer and fasting as we complete our work to elect new officers, teachers, committees as well as deacons for the new church year. This will be a critical time in our church as we

move forward in the direction God is leading.

We adopted a new Constitution and By-laws. Copies are being made available. We are working on other policies to guide us but the real guidance always comes from the Holy Spirit as Christ remains head of this body. As we move forward growing in His direction I encourage each member to pray and consider your place of service. If we are to be the body of Christ He intends us to be it will only happen if all submit to Him and use our gifts together as we serve Him. Remember the meaning of the logo at the beginning of the article and Ephesians 4:16.

As we approach the election of these important leaders I encourage you to pray and seek the leadership of the Holy Spirit. If God calls on you, through the Nominating Committee or deacon election consider carefully the scriptural precedence that those whom God calls, he also equips. Moses sought to say no because Aaron was more eloquent, God was insulted. Jonah tried to say no and run to sea. A fish swallowed him and deposited him where God wanted him to preach in the first place. It is easier to say, "Here am I Lord, send me."

*Bill*

**The Nominating Committee** is moving to a close on work for new officers and leaders for the new church year. We ask the church family to make a special prayer request for the following need. We need a Sunday School teacher for the Dorcas Love ladies class. If you are interested or have a candidate to suggest please contact Doris Fowler or Jim Shealy. Thank you for your prayers in this matter.

**Sunday, August 2, 2009**

**A.M. Rev. Jody Ratcliffe**  
**"God Can Use Hardheads"**  
 Exodus 4:1-14

**P.M. Rev. Don West**  
**"We Want What Makes the Difference"**  
 Romans 13:11-14



### YOUNG MUSICIANS CAMP!

Remember our campers Anne Marie Brown, Morgan Jones, MaCayla Ratcliffe and Brianna Taylor, as well as Sallie and myself as we wind up the week at Young Musicians Camp. Camp conclude on Friday, July 31 with a concert at 1:15 p.m.

### LUNCH BUNCH

Monday, August 3 11:30 a.m.

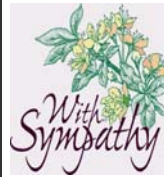
Southern Buffet in Cayce  
 (formerly Pavilion)

**OR** Chic-Fil-A (if it's open)

We'll vote on the bus!

Come join us for the food and fellowship!

*Charlton*



*The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend our heartfelt love and Christian sympathy to Nick, Jill, Will and Caroline Zueger in the death of his step-mother, Melanie Zueger.*

### DUFFEL BAGS AND BIBLES FOR FOSTER CHILDREN

This is the ninth year the South Carolina Woman's Missionary Union has supported this mission by providing duffel bags and Bibles for foster children. There are 4,000-5,000 children and youth in the foster care system at any given time during the year. The WMU of SC has set a goal of 2,500 bags, at a cost of \$12 each.

Your support of this mission is greatly appreciated. The deadline for our church's support is Wednesday, August 5, 2009. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Shepherd.

### HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Mary Faulk  
 912 Bruce Rd.  
 Cayce, SC 29033-3307  
 796-5122



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

As we prepare for our new church year, I am excited for us to take part in this South Carolina Baptist Convention training event. This event is for all of us involved in any level of Sunday School leadership, from care groups and outreach leaders to department leaders and teachers. There will be classes to train you for your work with any age group! We will meet at Trinity Church at 8:00 am to register and then split up into our different areas of training. I want to encourage us to participate in this conference because we can always learn some new techniques and perspectives to better our people's Sunday School experience. Many of us are very well skilled in what God has led us to do, but we can always perfect those skills by learning from others in the field. I look forward to working with each of you this new church year and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for us! As William Carey, the father of Southern Baptist missions said, "attempt great things for God, expect great things from God."

*Jody*



**Michael's  
View**

Well, there's not a whole lot to bring to you this week! I've discussed with you about what it means to be transformed like it says in Rom 12:2. I have shared with you my experience from M-Fuge and saw a great work done in the lives of our students here at FBCWC.

I only have 2 more Sundays with the First family and I want to make these Sundays as memorable for you as I possibly can. If I have never spoken to you before, I would love to get a chance to speak with you and get to know you before I leave for North Greenville University! May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be praised!

God Bless,

**Michael**



Notes of appreciation have been received from the following and are posted on the bulletin board near the church office:

Gerry Berry



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

Summer is sadly drawing to a close, but WOW what a summer we have had! Great things have happened in the lives of every teenager in our ministry. I anticipate August to be a continuation of these blessings for several reasons.

1. A New School Year- our students finally get back on campus and what is their personal "mission field". Their influence for Christ to their peers will be multiplied compared to the summer.
  2. New Ministries- our students are being led by God to individual ministries. God has burdened them for others and gifted them likewise
- New Events-we have several events already planned for the fall. I anticipate a great semester of fellowship and spiritual growth.

**SIGN UP FOR CAROWINDS!**

Like last year, the cost is \$30 for your ticket and bring some money for two meals (one in the park and one on the way home). I am going to ride the new Carolina Cobra and the Nighthawk coasters and then spend the rest of the day in the water park. The Christian concert in the evening will feature Leland and David Crowder as well as a speech by Darwin Gray of the Carolina Panthers!!!!!!

**Fall Retreat is upon us!**

Parents, I will be sending you a letter this week with all the essential info about this annual event. We have had GREAT Fall Retreats for years and this year we plan to continue the tradition. The dates are confirmed as Sept. 5-7. We will be going back to our same camp site in North Carolina.

**Upcoming Special Outreach Opportunities:**

**BC HIGH**

You are invited to join us as we prepare breakfast for the BC High Football Team on August 4. We have been invited by Head Coach Abby Bray to serve breakfast and share the gospel with his team! Please call Jody or Bill if you would like to join in. We need at least 6 volunteers. We have asked God to open up the doors of the high school for us and He has done that on many occasions. Let's be faithful in following up on His open doors!

**Prayerwalking and Survey Work  
Saturday, August 8 2pm-4pm**

We will continue our work in getting to know our neighbors. Last time, we met many people who have never considered Jesus as Savior and have never considered visiting our church, BUT thought that the survey was a great encouragement for them to re-think that. Join us in spreading the Light of Christ.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**  
**August 2-8, 2009**

Sunday, August 2

- 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
- 4:00 p.m. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, August 3

- 11:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch departs

Tuesday, August 4

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

- 8:00 a.m. Youth depart for Carowinds
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Saturday, August 8

- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Walk/Survey Team



as of Monday, July 27

**Lexington Medical Center**  
 Ann Waldrop

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**  
**August 2, 2009**  
HEALTH MINISTRY

Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Debra Williams, Sallie Bozard

Twos and Threes

Jannas and Hannah Matthews

GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

Marion Gunter, Sr.

**Burriss Building**

Nan Bannister

**Front Lower Level**

Clyde and Jonnie Blackburn

SOUND

James Franks

**MEMORIALS**

**PURE WATER, PURE LOVE**

In loving memory of Ben Hammett  
 by Joyce Crider

**IN HOME MINISTRY**

In loving memory of  
 Joann Watkins  
 by Dorothy and Mary Frances Thompson

**FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS**

In loving memory of  
 Vernie Bolman and Cecile Crapps  
 by Sharon Snyder

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 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.



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