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Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Saturday, June 6 8 a.m. - 12 noon



This is the final fundraiser for our Youth Mission Fuge trip this summer.

We will also be selling **BAKED GOODS!**

If you would donate a cake or a batch of cookies, please bring them to the church by Friday.

If you have items to donate, contact Jody or bring them to Burriss Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on June 3rd, 4th, or 5th.

Contact Jody Ratcliffe if you have any questions.

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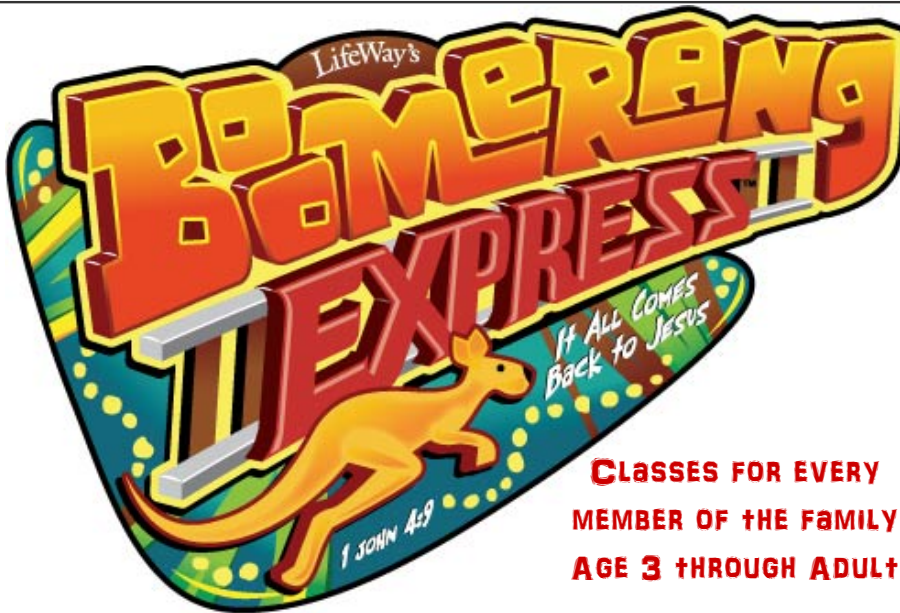
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**CLASSES FOR EVERY
MEMBER OF THE FAMILY
AGE 3 THROUGH ADULT**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14-18

6:15-8:30 PM

INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO COME WITH YOU!

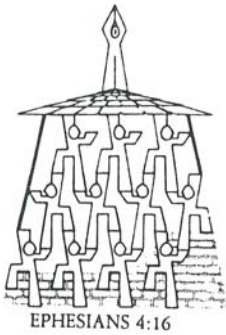
Sunday

- 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



MY PRAYER

I Thessalonians 5:16 tells us to pray without ceasing. Prayer is communication and communion with God. There are different types of prayer. Some are spontaneous, some very personal and intimate while others are open and public. I want to share a

prayer I often pray that I hope may be helpful.

First, I pray for wisdom and understanding in all I do. I know I will be approached with more than I can handle on my own each day so I use the prayer of Solomon from I Kings 3:9, "*Therefore, give thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil.*" I ask God for wisdom and discernment beyond my own abilities.

Next I pray for my words and thoughts. Scripture tells us to be quick to listen and slow to speak.

Our words are serious; Jesus tells us we will be judged for every careless word we speak. Words originate in the heart. I take the prayer of David from Psalm 19:14, where he said, "*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.*" It is vital that our words and thoughts be pleasing to God.

Finally I pray for the proper attitude. Egotistical people can get things fouled up with the wrong attitude. "My Way" was a successful song for Frank Sinatra & Elvis but it's a selfish often destructive way to live. The believer must put self aside and be a servant. I pray for the spirit of submission as did Jesus in Gethsemane from Matthew 26:39, "*...not as I will but as you will.*"

So I offer you "my" prayer: "**Father, give thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people that I may discern between good and evil. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer not as I will but as you will. Amen!**"

Sunday, June 7, 2009
Sermon Topics Dr. Bill Drees

A.M. "A Touch of Salt"
Matthew 5:13

P.M. JUBILANT SINGERS
"Wonder of Wonders"

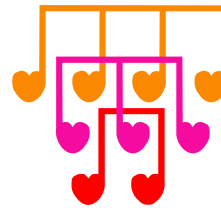


Thanks to our children's choirs and their leaders for a great year of music making. Your singing in worship on Sunday was beautiful and worshipful. Thanks also to you parents for bringing your children each week. A **SUMMER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY** will begin on Wednesday, June 24 at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there!



SUPER SUMMER SENIOR TRIP

Thursday, July 16
Social Circle, Georgia
Lunch at the Blue Willow Inn
Cost: \$59
\$30 deposit due June 14
Call me to sign up!



Jubilant Singers
present
"Wonder of Wonders"
Sunday, June 7
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church

This senior adult choir represents 16 churches from 7 denominations in the Cayce-West Columbia area. This will be our 14th presentation since April 30. We have sung in churches, nursing homes and retirement centers throughout the area. This is a hard working group! Plan to join us for this special time of musical worship!

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Dot Whitfield (birthday is June 10)
 24 A Skilled Care
 2705 Leaphart Road
 West Columbia, SC 29169



If you would like to know more about our church, are considering joining First Baptist, or are a new church member, we invite you to attend our next Church Orientation class.

The next class will start June 7, 2009 at 9:45 am in the conference room. This course is designed to assist prospective member as well as new members in learning more about our Church. This class is taught by David Ness.



In Sunday's Pastor's Forum, we discussed possible new outreach ideas for the summer and beyond. So far, we have three new outreach teams that have signed up and this is great! I wanted to give us all some words of encouragement about evangelism and outreach events. It takes trial and error to discover which plans have the most effectiveness. We will try several different plans and discover the ones that are right for our church. I will introduce to you every quarter a few new plans. What I do not want us to do is simply copy another church's plans simply because it worked for them.

The key ingredient again is prayer. God wants us to want people saved. If we do not want to see salvation come to this community, He will not use us to bring it about. I personally want to be used in seeing God's name spread so every person can hear and know Him. Please call me if you would like to join either the Riverwalk Outreach Team, The Survey and Prayer Walking Team, or the Car Maintenance Outreach Team.

Jody

*In Loving Memory
Richard Tucker*

September 19, 1917 - May 27, 2009

The First Baptist Church Family and staff extend our heartfelt love and Christian sympathy to the family of Mr. Tucker

ADULT

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14-18 6:15-8:30 PM

"Traveling Light" by Max Lucado will be the book of discussion for our Adult VBS. David Ness has assembled a teaching team that will present this study each night of VBS. This book is a creative approach to Psalm 23 and will teach us about leaving our burdens at the feet of Jesus.

Teachers are: Marie Broadwater, Lexie Chatham, Bill Drees, Pat Fulmer, Becky Murray, David Ness, Rick Rickenbaker, and Nancy Zaky, The class will meet in the chapel.

VBS WORKERS! Several appliance boxes have been given to use in decorating. They are in the Lighthouse. HELP YOURSELF! First come...



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

We had 75 youth at our combined Lock-In last Friday! We have officially begun our Fusion Student Events. Our group will meet several times a year with other area youth groups for super-sized events. Our Halloween Event is already being planned. We hope to have at least 7 churches together in Fusion.

Saturday is the Yard Sale!

Teens, you must participate in this event to earn money towards M-Fuge Summer Camp. This is our last fundraiser. You may work Thursday 6-8pm or Friday 6-8pm. We need all of you to work Saturday 7:30am - 2pm. We will be passing out VBS flyers around the community after the sale. We will have lots of fun together so don't miss out! I will tell you your final balance on Sunday morning. Balance is due June 15. Camp is July 13-18.



Michael's View

This past Friday's Lock-In was a blast and it was such a blessing to spend the WHOLE night hanging out with these students and learning who they are and what they're about! First Family, these youth are our future generation who will be going out into the world and into the work-force one day and we must continue to train them in the ways of the Lord.

A lot of these students are dealing with a lot of peer pressures and the things that the world is offering them and my hope and prayer for this summer is not necessarily the parents bringing their students just so that they can get away from their students for a couple of hours, rather my hope and prayer is that when the parents drop their students off, the parents will see a difference in the students' attitude, behavior, and hopefully a change in their lifestyle.

This is what Jody and I will be bringing to the table this summer and we hope that God will continue to put things on our hearts so that we can make not only a difference in these students, but for this church and the world.

God Bless,
Michael
Rom.12:2

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Men's Ministries is providing a meal for our Vacation Bible School workers each evening. Volunteers are needed to help with preparation, picking up, and serving. The meal is served at 5:30 each evening. If you would like to help, contact Lee Matthews.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
June 7-13, 2009

Sunday, June 7

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
 6:00 p.m. Jubilant Singers in Evening Worship

Tuesday, June 9

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, June 10

4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
 6:00 p.m. Library opens
 LIGHTHOUSE
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Thursday, June 4

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

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
June 7, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Nick and Jill Zueger

Twos and Threes
 Debra Shepherd
 Wanda Gunter

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Marion Gunter, Sr.

Burriss Building
 Nan Bannister

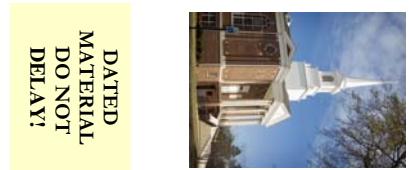
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COMING EVENTS IN JUNE
AT FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH

The Ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday June 14.

Church Picnic
 Sunday, June 28 5 p.m.
 Saluda Shoals Park



Pray for These Hospitalized Members:
 As of Tuesday,
 June 2, 2009

Palmetto Baptist
 Alice Ray

Remember Sherry Bouknight as she recovers at home.

COOKIES FOR TEACHERS



THANKS to you folks who provided cookies for our outreach to the teachers at B-C High school. Ninety teachers received a bag of cookies and a handwritten note of encouragement and prayer. Pray that this ministry can continue to be successful and meaningful for all involved.

MEMORIALS

Pure Water/Pure Love

In loving memory of Cecile Crapps
 by Cornelia Hutto and Diane Vinson,
 and Brenda Hyatt

FSATAT

In loving memory of Cecile Crapps
 by Miriam King, Catherine Holladay.

In loving memory of Richard Tucker
 by Dorothy and Mary Frances
 Thompson

VBS

In loving memory of Richard Tucker
 by New Discovery Class

FBCWC

In loving memory of Cecile Crapps
 by Drs. Kirk and Kate Baston,
 Becky Baston, and Debbie Lee Turner

In loving memory of Richard Tucker
 by Iris Wellborn

In loving memory of Barbara Owen
 by Boyd and Azalee Anderson

HONORARIUM

In honor of Gerry Berry
 by New Discovery Class