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TAKE NOTE: There will be no Tie Binder printed next week, July 29. This edition contains two weeks of information and opportunities.

Church Picnic



SUNDAY, JUNE 28

5:00 P.M.

SALUDA SHOALS PARK

SPONSORED BY MEN'S MINISTRIES

Join us for a great time of fun, food and fellowship. Hamburgers and drinks are provided; you bring the sides (baked beans, slaw, etc.) and desserts. Don't forget your favorite lawn chair.

From Columbia, take I-26 west toward Spartanburg. Exit Piney Grove Road and turn left. Proceed approximately 1.5 miles to St. Andrews Road. Turn right, then left at the first traffic light. Saluda Shoals Park will be 1.5 miles on your left. Follow the signs (or ask directions) to the Paw Paw Shelter. Hope to see you there!!!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

JOIN US FOR A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 5 11:00 A.M.

Patriotic Music

"Salute to the Armed Forces"

Jody Ratcliffe will be preaching

in morning worship.

Don West will preach

in the evening.

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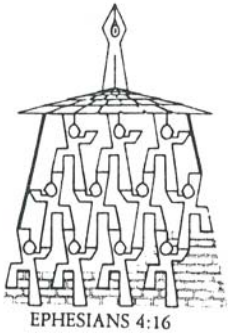
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Sunday

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

We approach another July 4th birthday for our country. We have gone through struggles but it is important to remember as is often indicated in the Old Testament and today, we are still people of a short memory. We frequently need historical reminders of God's grace and providence.

There is an unpainted section of the White House of exposed charred wood on the Truman Balcony that was burned when the White House was occupied by the British and burned in the war of 1812. This section was left exposed as a reminder of that occupation for three reasons.

First, it is a reminder of **STRENGTH**. The United States of America was strong enough to be established as a free nation where people could live and worship freely. This freedom gave us the strength to come back from the British invading and taking the capital. We were strong enough to regain the White House and rebuild it and it is a symbol of strength today. We must never forget the strength that comes from freedom.

Second, it is a reminder of **HUMILITY**. We must always remember that we **can** fall. We must never take our sovereignty or strength for granted. Previously foreigners invaded and burned our capital. We must never become too proud.

Finally, there is always **HOPE**. No matter how dark the days may seem there is always hope. Even when the President of the U.S.A. had to flee and run for his life as the White House was invaded and burned there was hope for the future. All was not lost. The war was won. The White House was regained. The country became stronger. We must always have hope.

As a follower of Jesus I find eternal **STRENGTH** in Him as I can do all things through Him (Philippians 4:13), I seek to follow His eternal example of **HUMILITY** (Philippians 2:1-12) and I find my **HOPE** for eternity through faith in Him (John 14:1-6). As an American I ask that you will join me in praying that our elected leaders will find and follow that same triune of Strength, Humility and Hope.

Sunday, June 21, 2009
Sermon Topics Dr. Bill Drees



A.M. "The Lord's Supper"
Matthew 26:26-30

P.M. CHURCH PICNIC
at Saluda Shoals Park



CHURCH MUSIC LEADERSHIP WEEK at Ridgecrest will be held June 29 – July 2. Sallie and I will be attending this week of great classes and wonderful uplifting worship with music leaders from across our convention. Please remember us in prayer during this time.



SUPER SUMMER SENIOR TRIP
Thursday, July 16
Social Circle, Georgia
Lunch at the Blue Willow Inn
Cost: \$59
\$30 deposit due now;
seats still available
Call me to sign up!

CHILDREN'S SUMMER MUSIC ACTIVITY will begin next Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 p.m. All children age 4 through grade 5 are invited to take part! We will meet in the Children's Choir area.



Café Connection is having a luau/pool party on **Saturday, June 27** at the home of Allison Fowler. Join us from 4 pm until for a great time of fun and fellowship. All ladies of the church are invited, even if you have not been a regular part of our group! Come have fun with us. Don't forget your swimsuit! Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor if you have questions.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

June 22

Mary Branham (794-5351)
 1213 Jensen St
 West Columbia, SC 29169-6409

June 29

Nathell Hall—Tree (936-8848)
 Agape Senior Community
 2705 Leaphart Rd
 West Columbia, SC 29169

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Polity Committee has completed work on a revised Constitution. According to the existing Constitution, any action on revision or amendment must be announced in the church paper and/or read on two consecutive Sunday mornings before action is taken at business meeting. Copies of the revised Constitution will be available on July 5 and 12. The Polity Committee will present the revised Constitution for a vote at the Church Conference on July 15.



I want to personally thank all of our VBS workers, teachers, and leaders. As I said on Sunday, it takes an army to pull off a great VBS. I am very proud of all of you and

grateful to serve the great cause of the Kingdom beside you. Here are our final numbers:

- Children enrolled: 73**
- Children's leaders: 35**
- Adult Class enrolled: 29**
- Adult Class leaders: 8**

There were many others who gave of their time and finances also. VBS truly takes the entire church to make it happen! Let's pray now for the families who attended who do not know the Lord like we do. Let's ask God to speak to their hearts about His love and His Son, Jesus.

Visitor's Gifts

Each Sunday, we would like to take a special gift to all of our visitors. If you would like to participate in this new ministry, please see me after morning worship each week to get a name and an address. We have a gift set that includes a nice coffee mug, a fridge magnet, and a pen all with FBCWC logos. We want each guest to receive one right from your hands and our hearts.

Outreach Teams to Begin in July

For those of you who signed up to be on one of our Outreach Teams, be looking in the mail shortly for your first planned event. We have two fairly large teams awaiting training to take the Light of Christ into the community. One team will be prayer walking and taking informal surveys in the community and another will be giving out water bottles at the River Walk.

Jody



Tuesday, June 30 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Free admission to the zoo!
Contact Jody Ratcliffe, Eunice Lee or the church office to sign up!



Lighthouse Student Ministries
Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

It is hard to believe we are about to enter July! I want to give some props to Michael for his leadership and flexibility in creating a fast-paced, fun, and spiritually challenging VBS for the youth. Michael has brought alot of energy and enthusiasm to our youth program and he has lots more to give us. Now, VBS is behind us, we are focusing on a couple of things.

First, is M-Fuge Camp. We will have a Parent Meeting at 7:30pm on July 1st. Please meet me in the Church Conference Room as the youth and Michael will be in the Lighthouse conducting the youth meeting. Any balance due will need to be paid this night.

Second, Michael and I are planning some more spontaneous day activities for July. We are going to have "BE HOLY" WEEKS where youth are invited to come to the Lighthouse certain mornings of the week for personal devotions, training in discipleship, and lessons in spiritual application. The Lighthouse will be your personal sanctuary in July. Listen up for the dates and times coming soon.



Vacation Bible School was great! We nearly doubled in numbers from last year and God moved in such an incredible way. My prayer for these students is that they take what they've learned this past week and apply to their lives on a

daily basis. The main thing that we talked about this past week was as Christians we are supposed to follow Jesus but more importantly, we are called to follow Jesus' teachings and to study his word daily. This is what I have been encouraging these students throughout this whole month. Jody and I will be figuring out now how to get these students to the level they are supposed to be with their walk with Christ and where Jody needs to take them into the school year.

God bless all of you!

Michael

Rom. 12:2

ALSO Get ready, students, for another wild, wacky, wet, and exciting month of July!!!

Children's Workers Needed



It is wonderful to see new friends joining us in worship. We want to provide the highest quality of care in Extended Session when these new friends have little ones. New volunteers are needed for this vital ministry of our church. No matter how good the sermon is or how beautiful the music or even how welcome newcomers feel, parents need to feel confident that their children are well cared for. If you would like to join us in this front-line ministry, please contact Sallie Bozard.951-8975.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
June 28-July 4, 2009**

Sunday, June 28

- 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. Church Picnic at Saluda Shoals Park

Tuesday, June 30

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

Wednesday, July 1

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Special IMB Speaker
Children's Music Activity
- 7:30 p.m. M-Fuge Parents' Meeting

Thursday, July 2

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Friday, July 3

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY
4TH OF JULY**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
July 5 - 11, 2009**

Sunday, July 5

- 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
Patriotic Celebration
- 4:00 p.m. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council

Tuesday, July 7

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

Wednesday, July 8

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Children's Music Activity
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, July 9

- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group

Saturday, July 11

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

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
June 28, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY**

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams

Twos and Threes

Debra Shepherd
Amy Hudson

GREETERS

Snyder Building

William Fallaw

Burriss Building

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

Boyd and Azalee Anderson

SOUND

James Franks



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July 5, 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

William Fallaw

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