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THANK YOU FIRST FAMILY

Our youth thank you for your support of our first fundraiser for our summer trip to Mission-Fuge. About 75 of our church family gathered for a spaghetti dinner on Sunday.

Two more fund-raisers will be held to help us take part in this summer youth event at North Greenville University.

EASTER MORNING COUNTRY BREAKFAST
to be served in Burriss Hall following the
Sunrise Service

CHURCHWIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, June 6
Watch for details for both these events.

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The coming of the Easter season offers special opportunities for outreach and worship. Be watching for details on these special events!



**EASTER
EGG HUNT**
Saturday,
April 4

Sanctuary
Choir 
will present **THE RISEN CHRIST**
Sunday, April 5 6 p.m.



Friday, April 9 at
7:15 a.m., we will
meet for a time of
worship followed by
a light breakfast.



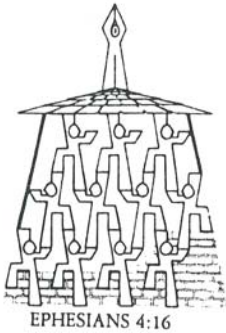
**EASTER
SUNDAY**
APRIL 12
6:57 A.M.
Riverwalk
Amphitheater



9:45 A.M. Bible Study
10:30 A.M. Flowering of the Cross
11:00 A.M. Easter Worship Celebration

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



THE PASTOR'S LINK

Next Sunday morning's message could be the most important message I preach at this church! I realize that is an unusual statement since I have only three other sermons 'under my belt' with you preceding this coming Sunday, but I have been planning this message for some time (as I have planned my beginning sermons to lay the foundation of our relationship as we become pastor and church family). Now it seems that the national news media has stepped in to lay the foundation for next Sunday morning. CNN, USA Today, The State, etc. have all recently publicized articles and editorials explaining in detail how religion is on the decline in America.

I appreciate the fact that all these news publications are going out of the way to create interest in my sermon topic. If you have not noticed that I am typing this article with my tongue somewhat in my cheek, relax I still remember the words of my preaching professor, "A sermon is something one would travel across the world to deliver but would not go across the street to hear." I have not lost my perspective.

However, I have planned to address the matter of religion next Sunday morning. The news is right; over 80% of the churches in America do not show real growth. How does one reconcile that truth with the fact that Jesus claimed to establish a church that the gates of Hell shall not prevail? This would be a great time to invite skeptical friends to come and deal with this situation. Sunday night we will also look at a wonderful scriptural approach to turn things around when they don't go according as planned. Hope to see you then!

Bill



Music Makers and Young Musicians will sing in Morning Worship on Sunday, March 22. We will meet at 9:15 in the sanctuary to rehearse.

**BEST YET
TO COME**

**Thursday, March 19
11 a.m.**

**Program: Music with
Keith Watson**

Keith is the Assistant Minister of Music at FBC in Columbia, formerly at Green Hill Baptist. You will enjoy hearing him sing, so come join us. Bring \$4 for lunch.

**AMAZING GRACE - A Gospel Celebration
Saturday, May 9**

Charleston Music Hall

**We will leave at 10 a.m., eat lunch at RB's
and go to the 2:00 p.m. show,
returning by 6 p.m. or so.**

Cost is \$85.00

**A \$50 deposit is due by March 19
with the balance of \$45 due by April 16.
Contact me for more details.**

**EDISTO GARDENS
Monday, March 23**

The folks at the gardens say the azaleas are about to peak, so let's go take a look! We will leave at 10:30 and travel to Orangeburg for lunch and a walk through the gardens. Sign up at BYC or contact me!

Singing His Praises

Charlton

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Cora Sribnick
NHC Room 110-B
2993 Sunset Boulevard
West Columbia, SC 29169

Sunday, March 22, 2009

Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

AM: "Knowing Jesus and His Church"
Matthew 16:13-20

PM: "When Things Don't Go As Planned"
Philippians 1:12-18



FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

National Goal:

\$65 million

FBC GOAL:

\$4,000

Received to date:

\$2,428.00



Be Burdened

Since being back in America, I have found myself recognizing the American lifestyle of privacy and personal comfort at all cost. As a people, we tend to look out for number one, do what it takes to succeed, and retreat into our hobbies and personal time. This all together causes us to have little concern for our neighbors, our co-workers, even our own fellow church members, BUT I have learned to be different and not the average American so to say. I have made a choice to be burdened, to be concerned to the heart, with the lives and choices of others. God has deposited into me, and you, the love of Christ. This love should move you to prayer, action, and at times a broken heart for others. You see, I am not a minister and therefore I feel this way. I am a Christian and therefore I feel this way. My encouragement to you today is to fight the desire to "draw the wagons" around your life and begin opening your heart more to those in need around you. Our hearts must change before our actions will.

ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEADERS: This is our week to meet. We will see you in the Chapel at 5pm this Sunday.

Jody



The Magnificent 7

On Sunday, I happened upon a great team of people working and sweating for one cause: Youth Missions! Without these folks, we would not have had such an awesome lunch fundraiser. I want to thank the Magnificent 7: Mike and Faye Hutto, Belinda and Mark Inabinet, Debbie Gaulden, Gina Harmon, and William Fallow. I also want to appreciate Sid Gaulden for being on stand-by. These great parents and youth leaders gave of their time and money that resulted in over \$500 raised for this summer's mission trip to Mission Fuge Camp at North Greenville University.

Parents, I just want to let you know that you will be receiving a letter this week with the rest of our Spring Activities listed. We will stay real busy providing a solid, Biblically-based youth ministry to help your child grow into a quality relationship with Jesus Christ. Please be their biggest supporter in these hard years and do what it takes to get them here. God bless you!

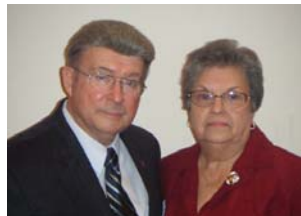


THE LORD'S SUPPER
will be observed in morning worship on Sunday, March 29.

Welcome, New Members



Tasha Simpson
By Profession of Faith



Don and Peggy West
Br Transfer of Letter



This year, you will have the opportunity to place Easter lilies in the church in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$13.00. Please complete this form and return it to the church by Thursday, April 2. Forms will also be available at sanctuary entrances.

_____ Number of lilies

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

5th Sunday
Night Supper



Sunday, March 29
5:30 p.m.

Worship following in Burriss Hall
Bring your best dishes and join us!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
March 22-28, 2009

Sunday, March 23

- 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. Sunday School Workers
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Discipleship Series

Monday, March 23

- 10:30 a.m. Seniors depart for Orangeburg

Tuesday, March 24

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

Wednesday, March 24

- 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
- 6:45 p.m. RA's, GA's, Mission Friends
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

SPECIAL MINISTRIES
March 22, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Sara Frances Watson

Twos and Threes

Richard and Dawn Kimura

GREETERS

Snyder Building

William Fallaw

Burriss Building

Allen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

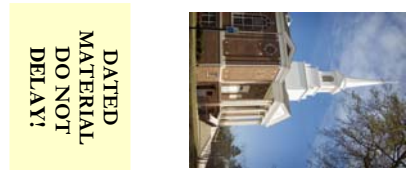
Boyd and Azalee Anderson

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 MATERIAL
 DO NOT
 DELAY!**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



March 25
 Chicken Tenders
 Mac and Cheese
 Green Beans and Slaw
 Rolls and Dessert

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

Pray for These
 Hospitalized
 Members:
 As of Tuesday,
 March 17, 2009

No members known to be in
 the hospital.

**Café
 Connection**

Ladies, would you like to have a little more
 time just for you? Would you like to con-
 nect better with women like yourself? Join
 us at the church on Saturday, March 21 at
 6:30 pm to go out for supper and fellow-
 ship. Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina
 Taylor if you have questions and to sign up
 to come. Hope to see you there!

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 secre-
 tary is not available on
 Wednesday; the church secretary is
 not available on Friday.

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