



# First Baptist Church West Columbia

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## Spring Discipleship Series

begins **March 8th at 6pm.**

These are “extra-curricular” classes designed for your spiritual growth.

There is something for everyone!

**Children: Bible Navigators (Room 32)**

**Youth: Worship and Small Groups  
(Burriss Hall)**

**Men: Chiseled (The Lighthouse)**

**Women: Experience the Ultimate Makeover  
(Room 20)**

**Parents: Love and Logic (Room 23)**

**Love and Logic will begin at  
5 pm and last until 7 pm**

All other classes are 6-7 pm each Sunday evening.

Childcare is provided during this time.

These classes will run simultaneously with our regular Sunday evening worship.

Please contact Jody Ratcliffe for more information.



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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  
 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



FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

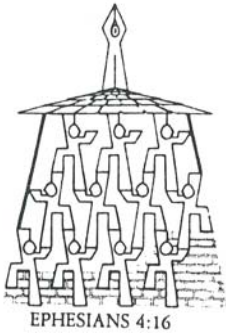
MARCH 1-8, 2009

**LIVE WITH URGENCY**

**National Goal: \$65,000,000**

**FBC Goal: \$4,000**

**Received:**



### THE PASTOR'S LINK

Well here we are. The time has finally arrived for us to be together as God has led us to be together as pastor and people. I need to begin by saying thank you to all who made my first Sunday a great day. The installation, worship, reception, gift, food, fellowship...I have limited space...so thanks so much to all of you for making this such a special day for Cathy and me.

I have many stories to share to let you know how God initiated and strongly affirmed this unique call for me to be your pastor. These serve as assurances to excite and affirm God's direction in my life and that of First Baptist. Through these events he has been and is shaping me to be who I am for this time, place and purpose in his divine plan. I look forward to personally sharing them with you as we visit and get acquainted in the days ahead.

You also have stories. God has touched your life in many ways through your marriage, family, job and life situations. Through these he has been and is shaping you to be who you are for this time and purpose in his divine plan. I want to visit and hear your stories to know what God has been doing and anticipate what he will do in our lives together.

Obviously, since you have me outnumbered this will take time. I am your servant so please let me know when and where you wish to get started. I would also ask you to help me by calling the church or you can e-mail me at [billdrees@yahoo.com](mailto:billdrees@yahoo.com) (soon to be [bill@fbcwc.com](mailto:bill@fbcwc.com) as soon as the computer is set up) and let me know the best time and place to get together. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you soon.

Your servant,

**Sunday, March , 2009**  
**Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees**

AM: Enjoy the Ride  
 Matthew 11:28-30

PM: Setting Up Camp  
 John 1:14



Senior Lunch Bunch!

**SHEALY'S BAR-B-Q**

**Monday, March 9 departing at 10:30**

We have filled the bus and have an overflow vehicle going. Let me know if you would like to join us!

What a great service we had this past Sunday. Thank you for your participation and wonderful spirit of worship. I want to thank our Sanctuary Choir, Becky Murray, and Karen Rollison for your beautiful contributions to the service.

It is great to have Bill and Cathy Drees with us. I appreciate the enthusiasm with which they have been welcomed. Let's all get behind them with our prayers and our actions and see what God is going to do with First Baptist Church!

Singing His Praises!



### DON'T FORGET!

When you go to bed on  
 Saturday night, March 7,  
 turn your clocks

**AHEAD**  
 one hour!

### MEMORIALS

#### FBCWC

In loving memory of Sarah Shealy  
 Given by Mr. & Mrs. Allen Cheek

#### PURE WATER/PURE LOVE

In loving memory of Reuben Dunlap  
 Given by Lillian Dunlap

#### BENEVOLENCE

In loving memory of Eric Brown, Helen Phillips  
and Susan Napier

Given by Margaret Blackhurst  
In loving memory of Mary Carraway  
 Given by Miriam King

#### ANNIE ARMSTRONG

In loving memory of Eric Brown  
 Given by the Rainbow Bible Class



**VBS IS  
COMING!  
JUNE 14-18**



Sunday evenings are a time the church gathers again for worship, teaching, and fellowship. I like being together with the body of Christ whenever possible and I have always appreciated Sunday evenings at First Baptist. I want you to seriously consider coming back on Sunday evenings. We now offer a variety of small groups for children, youth, parents, men, and women.

We will have our regular Sunday evening worship service in the sanctuary as these classes are being conducted. This way, everyone can grow in the environment God leads them to. May the church be all it can be for Christ at First Baptist West Columbia.

Parents, we had a great first Kid's Worship on Sunday. We had 25 children attend and we think they liked it! Please remember to sign your child up each week prior to 11am in either the vestibule (foyer) or at the top of the stairs behind the sanctuary.



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

We are all very proud of our youth who made commitments last night. We still have several who could not make it and we will lead them in their commitments as soon as we can. God means a lot to some of our youth and they are in the right place to be nurtured.

We are making plans now for our summer mission trip. We will be going to North Greenville University to participate in M-Fuge (A Mission Camp sponsored by Lifeway). Our students will be on mission each day, all day, and be in study, fellowship, and worship at night. The dates are July 13-18. The cost is \$266.00 per person. We will have the following fundraisers:

- March 15 Spaghetti Lunch after morning worship**
- April 12 Country Breakfast after Annual Sunrise Service**
- June 6 Church-wide Yard Sale**

All proceeds will go directly to funding individuals to participate in this life changing camp experience.

*Jody*



**Dollar Movies  
and  
Saluda Shoals  
Park  
Saturday,  
March 14  
1-6pm**

**Cost \$5.00 for ticket  
and popcorn**

**This is for all kids  
age 5- Grade 5**

**Contact Eunice Lee or  
Jody Ratcliffe to sign up!**

*Welcome, New Members*



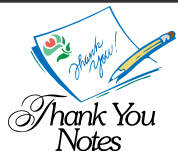
**Bill and Cathy Drees**  
By Letter  
Deacon: Billy Hayes

**HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK**

Doll Crapps  
218 Old Chapin Road Room 127  
Lexington, SC 29072

**A GIFT TO THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING**

- \$1** New Testament for an unbeliever
- \$5** Study book used in literacy missions
- \$10** "Bible in a Bucket" - delivered to Native Alaskan homes in the ARCTIC
- \$25** Sports Bibles for collegiate athletes
- \$50** Refreshments for a children's evangelistic outreach event
- \$100** Newspaper ad for a new church plant
- \$250** Signs advertising location and worship times for a new church plant
- \$500** Material and supplies for a new church plant to hold its first Vacation Bible School



Gracious notes of appreciation have been received from the following folks.

Notes are posted on the bulletin board near the church office.

- God's Helping Hands
- Margaret Blackhurst

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE**  
**March 8-14, 2009**

Sunday, March 8

- 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. Finance Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Discipleship Series
- 7:00 p.m. Youth S.N.A.C.

Monday, March 9

- 10:30 a.m. Sr's Depart for Shealy's

Tuesday, March 10

- 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, March 11

- 10:00 a.m. In Home Workers
- 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, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. Mildred Taylor Prayer Group
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

Friday, March 14

- 1-6 p.m. Children's Trip to Movie and  
Saluda Shoals Park

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES**  
**March 8, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Brenda Brown

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Dorothy Thompson & Debra Williams

Twos and Threes

Anne & Larry Brown

GREETERS

**Snyder Building**

Ann & Mike Jeffcoat

**Burriss Building**

Gerry Berry & Vivian Summer

**Front Lower Level**

Virginia & Jack Hill

SOUND

James Franks

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 DO NOT  
 DELAY!



Pray for These  
 Hospitalized  
 Members:

As of Tuesday,  
 March 3, 2009

No church members are  
 known to be hospitalized.

**We're on the Web!**

[www.fbcwc.com](http://www.fbcwc.com)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER**

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



**March 11**  
 Cheeseburgers  
 French Fries  
 Slaw  
 Dessert

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



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 Wednes-  
 day; the church secretary is not avail-  
 able on Friday.