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Spaghetti Lunch Sunday, March 15
following
morning worship
Burriss Hall

Adults - \$6 Children - \$3
Children under five eat free!

Please call the church office by Thursday to sign up.
Proceeds benefit Youth Summer Mission Camp!

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**Dollar Movies
and
Saluda Shoals
Park
Saturday,
March 14
7-8pm**

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

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

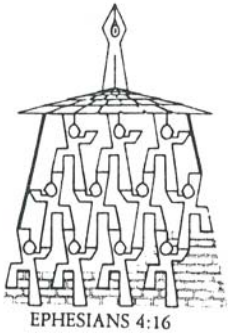
**Contact Eunice Lee or
Jody Ratcliffe to sign up!**

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

FBC Family,

You may have noticed the logo I am using with my article. I gave an explanation last Wednesday during our Prayer service and Bible study but I became aware that the entire church family was not in the room. So let me share what the logo means and why I

wanted to use it. First, I need to give credit to the artist. Jan Commer was a college student at my first church in Wichita, KS. We were beginning a Together We Build campaign. Jan came to the office to share something "God had given him". We thought it inspired and suggested he copyright the logo. Jan simply wanted to share what God had given him.

I think it is an inspired picture of the church according to the scriptures. Christ is pictured as the head with us as the 'bricks' that are the church. I told the search committee I would not speak of church often. Jesus only used the word twice (Matthew 16 & 18). I will speak often of the body of Christ. The New Testament teaches and speaks of us being His body and functioning as such. Each member is a vital part as we all have gifts that are essential and of equal value. When you are not active or using your gift it is as if a brick is removed from any building. The entire structure is weakened. I look forward to learning, connecting and growing together as the body of Christ. ***"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*** Ephesians 4:16

Your servant,

Sunday, March 15, 2009
Sermon Topics Pastor Bill Drees

AM: Shine
 Matthew 5:16

PM: God's Prayer for the Church
 Philippians 9-11

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF THE WEEK

Edna Hammett
 Carolina Health and Rehab.
 2451 Forest Drive
 Columbia, SC 29204-2026



Music Makers and Young Musicians will sing in Morning Worship on Sunday, March 22. We have a good group of children in our choirs this year and always look forward to their singing in worship. Support these children and their families with your prayers.

Sanctuary Choir is also hard at work on "The Risen Christ" to be presented on Palm Sunday, April 5. Be in prayer for our preparations and all that goes into the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.



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.

Singing His Praises!



National Goal:
\$65 million
FBC GOAL:
\$4,000
Received to date:

Kids Worship Leaders wish to thank some special folks for their donation of snacks and prizes for our weekly Kid's Worship. We thank you all for blessing this new ministry.

Others may wish to donate snacks or a financial gift to the on-going needs of Kid's Worship. We wish to provide a quality time of teaching and worship each week to our children Age 5-Grade 5.



Our Spring Series of Discipleship is off and running, but there were many not present whom I truly believe will be blessed and grow spiritually if they come.



Men (Young, Single, Married, New Dads, Middle Aged, etc.)- We are reading "Why Guys Need God" and the cost is \$15.00. Our group will encourage you in the work place, equip you to lead in the church and the home, and challenge you to be CHISELED into a more defined image of Christ.

Come and join us this Sunday at 6pm in the Lighthouse. We are going to plan our first mission project together.

I want to encourage all of us to be open to healthy change or simply new ideas. For example, Kid's Worship is a new idea. Pastor Bill may be bringing some new ideas about outreach, worship, and ministry. Change is inevitable and often unwelcomed because most of it is not good, BUT let me give you some good news. The new things you see coming about will only be **additions** to the great things our church already does. Additions mean we are not going to remove things, but make them better, more effective. We all want to reach more un-churched families and we all want to grow in our own spiritual walk. I can promise you that these two things will be our **ONLY** motivations and reasons for doing anything new. We will always work and serve you as we all serve God together. Please be in prayer, be gracious, and also look for ways you can participate as we ask God to lead us into reaching First Baptist's potential as a church.



Café Connection

Ladies, would you like to have a little more time just for you? Would you like to connect better with women like yourself? Join us at the church on Saturday, March 21 at 6:30 pm to go

out for supper and fellowship. Contact Melanie Ratcliffe or Dina Taylor if you have questions and to sign up to come. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU!

We would like to say "thank you" to everyone who gave of their time and talents to make the reception on March 8 possible. We appreciate the love shown through the lovely gift of the stained glass window that now hangs in my office. Thanks again for the labor of love and the donations that made everything possible. You truly made us feel like part of the family our first Sunday here.

Bill and Cathy Drees



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Mission-Fuge Summer Camp

Students, now is the time to sign up for summer camp. You may think this is too early, but it is time to raise some funds, save your allowance, and deposit your checks. At M-Fuge Camp, you will be able to choose which mission activity to do all week. You may choose between sports ministry, social needs ministry, home repair, creative ministry, and game/recreation ministry. We will reach the un-churched of all ages and then come home to apply what we learn to our people in our neighborhoods! You will be spending the week with hundreds of other teens from the southeast and South Carolina. Sign up outside the Lighthouse.

Every youth needs to participate in this Sunday's fundraiser. Meet in Burriss Hall right after Sunday School. Every participant will receive a portion of what is raised towards his or her Camp balance. Pray that God brings a lot of hungry church members.

Jody



Check out our website www.fbcwc.com for pictures from the Installation Service for Dr. Drees, the reception for the Drees' and Bishop's, and pictures from the youth/Singles Winter Retreat.



Easter Lilies

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 \$13.000. 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 _____

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
March 15-21, 2009**

Sunday, March 15

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Spaghetti Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Polity Committee
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
Discipleship Series

Tuesday, March 17

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

Wednesday, March 18

- 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 19

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Best yet to Come

Saturday, March 21

- 2:00 p.m. Martha Hawthorne Group at
Twilite Manor

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
March 15, 2008**

HEALTH MINISTRY

Julie Barfield

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams & Angie Johnson

Twos and Threes

Kimberly Franks & Debra Shepherd

GREETERS

Snyder Building

Ruby Clamp & Dorothy Thompson

Burriss Building

Jim Shealy

Front Lower Level

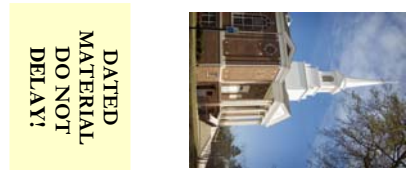
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Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:

As of Tuesday,
March 10, 2009

Lexington Medical Center
Alice Ray

Remember these folks who
were hospitalized during
this past week:
Lounette Summer
Kathryn Ward
John Brown

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



March 18
Fried Chicken
Potato Salad
Green Beans
Dessert

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

*Pray every day
for
First
Baptist
Church*



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.

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