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GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 24.



We will be honoring the class of 2009 during Morning Worship and taking them out for lunch afterward. Jody Ratcliffe will be preaching. Help us honor our graduates this Sunday!



The Class of 2009

Brookland-Cayce High School

Kristin Bradford
Kayla Braxton

Donna Fox
Christie Kiser

Dreher High School

Josh Broadus

White Knoll High School

Jordan Hutto

Glenforest School

Will Chatham

Swansea High School

Josh Drake

Lexington District 2 (G.E.D.)

Carol McKay



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He is
like a
tree
planted
by
streams
of water.
Psalm 1:3

WORSHIP AT THE RIVER

Sunday, May 24

River Walk Amphitheater 6 p.m.

This year, we will join with Broadacres and Green Hill Baptist Churches for this special service.

Choirs and Handbell Choirs from all three churches will provide music. Dr. Bill Drees will bring a message.

FELLOWSHIP AFTERWARD IN BURRISS HALL

Bring your favorite snack or drink and join us in a time of fellowship with our sister churches.

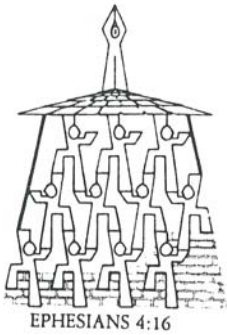
In case of rain, the service will be held at First Baptist Church.

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

Recently I met with our deacons and shared a favorite slogan; **IYADWYAD, YWAGWYAG!** No, I have not started speaking in tongues. These are the first letters of the slogan; **If you always do what you always did, you will always get what you always got!**

It is my reminder that business as usual will result in business as usual. God intends us to be led by the Spirit in our behavior and growth in the Spirit to produce different results. That is why he gave us scripture as II Timothy 3:16-17 reminds us, *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

There are times when God's word may seem harsh but it is for our own good. It guides us in all walks of life. God's word tells us how to raise well mannered children, be good spouses, citizens, live responsibly financially, love, forgive and live in harmony with friends as well as enemies and it will guide us in all walks of life if we will simply read it and follow it completely by faith. Life can be so much easier if we follow the instructions.

I am continually amazed at the way so many people recycle problems when the Bible has the solution. Life is so brief and fragile. God has given us his Son to forgive and redeem us. If we will truly trust Him he can transform us. His word is then our guide. Yet people make excuses, drop out, blame the preacher (surely it can't be me!), or others who are trying to help or do any number of things to keep from repenting. I once heard an old preacher say that if it seems as though the preaching of God's word is stroking the cat the wrong way, it's not the job of the pastor to change the word, it's the responsibility of the cat to turn around.

IYADWYAD, YWAGWYAG!

Bill

Sunday, May 24, 2009
Sermon Topics

A.M. "Chink in the Armor"
Galatians 6:7-9

Jody Ratcliffe preaching

P.M. WORSHIP AT THE RIVER



I hope you plan to join us for our Sunday evening **WORSHIP AT THE RIVER**. The details are on the front page. This is an excellent time to reach out to our community in a public venue. Come join us. And don't forget to bring some goodies for the fellowship afterward!!

HANDBELL CHOIR will meet at the amphitheater at 4:00; Sanctuary Choir will meet at 5 p.m. Wear your khakis and blue choir shirts!

BEST YET

TO COME

Thursday, May 21

11 a.m.

Music by the

Ken Clubb Singers

This will be our last meeting until the fall. Come join us.

MUSIC MAKERS and YOUNG MUSICIANS will sing in morning worship on Sunday, May 31 to mark the end of our choir year. The last Wednesday evening for children's activities and supper will be May 27



SUPER SUMMER SENIOR TRIP

Thursday, July 16

Social Circle, Georgia

Lunch at the Blue Willow Inn

Cost: \$59 DETAILS AT BYC!!!

By the way, our Sanctuary Choir is AWESOME!
Come sing with us for the summer! You'll be glad you did!

Charlton

COOKIES FOR TEACHERS



God has opened a unique door for us to share appreciation to our teachers at B-C High with a gift package containing a prayer note of appreciation and some home-made cookies. We need folks to volunteer to bake cookies to be delivered to the church on Monday, June 1. For more information call the church office.

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Cora Derrick (birthday is May 25)

A-102 Agape Drive

West Columbia, SC 29169-3320

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Sunday School Workers Meeting will be at 4pm this Sunday!

Many of us will be preparing to get a place at the Riverwalk and many of our Sunday School Workers will need to be there early. We will wrap up our discussion on your Sunday School Class being a Missionary Group! Lifeway has provided some great material we have been sharing with you for the last two meetings. There are several ways that your class is actually a missionary team. Don't miss this challenging presentation to be more and do more for kingdom advancement. I look forward to a time of training, inspiration, and cheering you all on! You are a fantastic group of leaders.

We are now in the process of nominating next year's leaders in Sunday School. Very soon, we will all be asked if we want to continue in our roles. I want to ask you to pray about how you might continue to serve. Pray and seek the Lord's will and continue to lead and teach until He tells you otherwise. God may have a new direction for you or He may have you right where He wants you. I am praying already for you all and looking forward to a great 2009-2010 year.

Jody



Lighthouse Student Ministries Building Teens' Spiritual Foundation

Sunday will be a big day for us! Our Summer Youth Plans will officially begin.

Sunday morning at 10 am, we will have a time to meet Michael Cavalear, our summer intern. I want you to take this time to ask Michael about himself, his plans for the summer program, and his hopes for you all.



We then will have Graduate Recognition at 11 am. Graduates, bring your cap and gown and we will proceed in together. You will be receiving a special gift from the church and I will be bringing a sermon just for you. Plan to be taken out for lunch after the service and it is on us!

Friday, May 29 will be our Uber Summer Lock-In. Vacation Bible School will follow very soon. All this time, we will be focusing on your personal spiritual walk and how you might be used of God to impact this world. We must move beyond our own desires and needs and walk in the shoes of others. This will be the main reason we will be going to M-Fuge Summer Camp. God is moving in our midst. Let's not lose sight of things this summer.



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser Saturday, June 6

This is the final fundraiser for our Youth Mission Fuge trip this summer. Please check around your house for items you could donate for the sale. Look for things you might have but no longer use that you could donate. See last weeks Tie Binder for a list.

We would also like to sell **BAKED GOODS!** If you would donate a cake or a batch of cookies, please let Jody know!

Bring your donations to Burriss Hall between 8:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. on June 3rd, 4th, or 5th.

Contact Jody Ratcliffe if you have any questions.

*WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS
May 17, 2009*



Mary Kurkaj
by Statement of Faith for Baptism



Jimmy Evans
by Profession of Faith for Baptism



Men's Breakfast **Friday, May 29 8 a.m.**
River Cats Restaurant
235 Old Two Notch Rd.
(next to LBA Office)
All men of the church are invited to join us.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 14-18
6:15-8:30 PM

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
May 24-30, 2009**

Sunday, May 24

- 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. Sunday School Workers
Handbells meet at the Riverwalk Amphitheater
- 5:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir meets at the Riverwalk Amphitheater
- 6:00 p.m. Worship at the River

Monday, May 25 *Memorial Day*

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 26

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

Wednesday, May 27

- 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, May 28

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Friday, May 29

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at River Cats
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In

**SPECIAL MINISTRIES
May 24, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY**

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Sallie Bozard

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Carolyn Williams and Angie Johnson

Twos and Threes

Debra Shepherd and 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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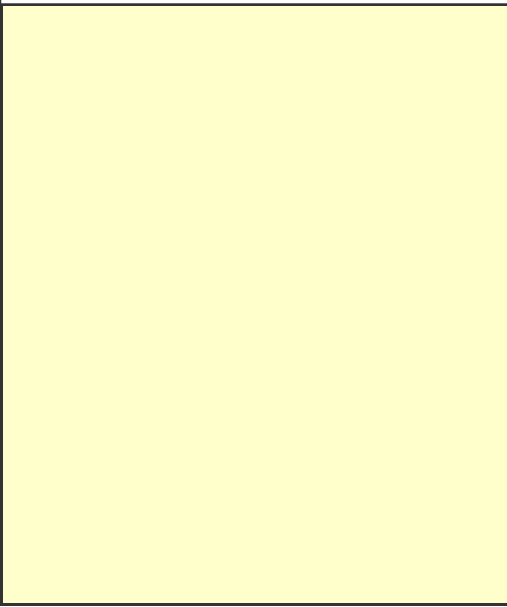


Palmetto Baptist
Alice Ray

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

May 27
BBQ Chicken
Hash and Rice
Slaw
Rolls & Dessert

Adults (10 & up) \$5.00
Children (5-9) \$3.00
Children 4 & under FREE
This is the last supper until fall.



**JOIN US ON MAY 31
5th SUNDAY NIGHT
SUPPER
AND PASTOR'S FORUM**

Bring your favorite dishes and join us for supper at 5:30. Following our meal, we will have a Pastor's Forum. This will be a unique time to share any topic on your heart with the pastor in an informal setting and discuss plans and dreams for the future of First Baptist Church. We hope you will plan to join us as a church family in this special time.

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.

*Pray every day for
First Baptist Church!*