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South Carolina State Fair Ministries



Volunteers needed for Pre-fair Ministry:

Melanie Ratcliffe will be taking a mission team that includes our pastoral staff on Oct. 12 from 8am-1pm to serve meals and pass out much needed blankets to Fair Workers. Please call Melanie or the church office to join. We will leave the church at 7:45am.

Volunteers are needed for other ministries. See last weeks Tie Binder for a list or contact Susan Berry at the Lexington Baptist Association.

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Saturday, October 31

5:00-7:00pm

Halloween is around the corner and we have already started planning our annual outreach event. Remember last year? We had a ton of people from the community come and enjoy safe "trick or treating" and meeting you.

Cars- to host candy stops, you will open up your trunk, decorate it as you like and hand out candy to kids

Baked Goods- we will be giving out these goodies during the event

Do not forget the most important part of this event: **YOU!** We need our members to be here to walk around and BE the light of Christ to the community. BEING Christ-like is a priority over DOING church activities of any kind. Come and mingle, enjoy a hotdog, and show the community **WHO** First Baptist is.

BUILDING BETTER DISCIPLES

Join us Sunday evenings in November as we focus on making stronger our skills in evangelism and personal discipleship. These studies are being provided as the church body has requested. We partner with you in leading this emphasis. This training will be easily integrated into our regular Sunday evening worship time at 6pm.



November 1 **"DISCIPLING OTHERS"**

November 8 **"RELATIONAL EVANGELISM TECHNIQUES"**

November 15 **"LEADING SOMEONE TO CHRIST"**

November 22 **"WITNESSING REPORTS"**

November 29 **"FIRST FAMILY FORUM"**



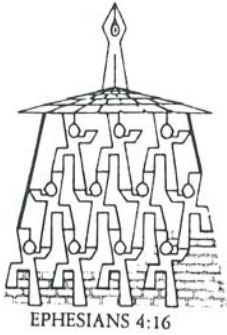
REGULAR SCHEDULE

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
- Youth Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Handbells

Wednesday

- 4:30 pm Piece Makers
- 5:30 pm Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 pm Library open
- Children's Choirs
- LIGHTHOUSE
- 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
- Young Professionals
- 6:45 pm Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



THE PASTOR'S LINK

One year ago, last Tuesday, I was asked to consider submitting a resume to the FBCWC pastor search committee. At that time I was preparing to go on a three day prayer retreat. I agreed to make it a matter of prayer and give an answer the following Monday. God led me to

share a resume and you know the rest of the story. On the anniversary of that day, last Tuesday, as I was driving to work I saw a rainbow over West Columbia. A rainbow is a Biblical sign of God's covenant from God. That covenant reminds us that God judges sin. He judged with a global flood at the time of Noah. But He is merciful, and He made a covenant of grace with Noah and the animals that He would never again judge with a worldwide Flood.

The Bible reveals to us that the rainbow is a symbol of Christ in Ezekiel 1:26-28. In Revelation 4:2-3, John saw Christ clothed with a cloud and a rainbow on His head. Not only that, but the rainbow, as a symbol of Christ, reminds us that He is the mediator between man and God and that those who receive the free gift of salvation are presented faultless before their Creator. I believe God is beginning a significant movement of his Holy Spirit in our midst. I ask you as the First Family to begin praying deliberately for revival and renewal to begin in your hearts individually as we seek to be ready to respond to him corporately as the body of Christ. Pray that God will create a hunger for his word and his righteousness in each heart as we grow as one body seeking him as Lord each day. Revival and renewal begins in each heart as we seek to be available to the refreshing covenant of our Lord. Join together as we pray deliberately for renewal and revival as individuals and as the body of Christ.

Bill

Sunday, October 4, 2009
Sermon Titles Dr. Bill Drees

A.M. "Have Mercy"
Matthew 5:7

P.M. "Are We Really Supposed to Believe All This"
Jonah 1

HOMEBOUND MEMBER OF THE WEEK

Betty Goodwin
 Room 104, Oakhaven
 Oakleaf Village
 800 Northlake Drive
 Lexington, SC 29072-2903



ANOTHER TRIP DEADLINE APPROACHES!

Instead of going to a Christmas show this year, we are planning a trip to see

SOUTH PACIFIC

presented by a professional touring group at the Belk Theater in Charlotte

Saturday, November 14

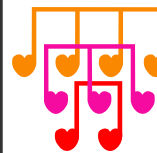
Cost: \$118.50 includes

tour bus transportation, mezzanine tickets for the afternoon matinee, and buffet lunch at Golden Corral.

A \$60 deposit is due by October 1.

That is also the last day to sign up for the trip.

SANCTUARY CHOIR has officially begun preparing for Christmas!!! We would welcome you to come and join us. We will spend the first 30 minutes of each rehearsal working on "Glorious Impossible". If you JUST want to sing for Christmas, come join us for that part of the rehearsal. Let me know if you are interested.



JUBILANT SINGERS are also working on our Christmas music. We meet Thursdays at 11 at Holland Avenue Baptist. Come sing with us!!!

Charlton



Prayer is foundational in the life and future of our church. We are renewing our intentional prayer ministry team. If you have interest in being a part of this vital ministry team for our church please contact the church office as soon as possible.



Christmas in August

Our G.A.'s and their leaders thank you for your generosity in giving to our Christmas in August "mission project.

Pictured here are the gifts that will be sent to Charles Reed with the Cleveland County Baptist Association in North Carolina for distribution to families in need at Christmastime.



We are joining together in prayer for revival and restoration for ourselves and for our community. We want to see our area impacted by the Spirit, don't we? Know that your pastoral staff is working daily with you to be the church that is ready for growth. Your ministry ideas are an important factor in our growth. If God gives you an idea, it must first be one YOU are committed to carrying out. As a staff, we are called to equip you for the work of the ministry. We will partner together under the guidance of the Spirit to see Him glorified, but His speaking to you is most important to us! The biblical pattern of leadership is the church body ministering as they are led and according to their spiritual gifts.

NAMETAGS in SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week we begin wearing nametags as we enter our Sunday School classes. They are provided already for you. Why do this? I am excited to tell you! We are preparing for visitors and we must not look like we are "in the club" when they step into class. Nametags will put us all on the same level. It will help you with their names and them with your names. At first, this may sound silly, but try it and see how the entire class feels. Go ahead and joke around with one another and have a good time! When that visitor comes in, get him or her a nametag first thing. We must be an open group putting the visitor in first place above ourselves.



As a mission project the Children's Department grade 1st - 6th will be partnering with the AT&T Telephone Pioneers to collect "slightly used" and "new" shoes for

men, women and children. The shoes will be distributed worldwide. A box will be set up in the hallway by the library to deposit the shoes.

The children's department is requesting donations of "slightly used" or new shoes. We will be collecting shoe donations from **October 4 - October 23, 2009.**



Monday October 19
7:30—11:00 a.m.
at First Baptist Church
No appointments necessary.
No charge with Medicare Part B.
Otherwise, cost is \$25.



Lighthouse Student Ministries

This past Sunday, I challenged the youth to sit all together on the floor level. I did this for evangelistic reasons. If teenagers come to visit on Sunday morning, I want the youth to be visible. Teenagers need to fit in and they need to fit in at church. If a teen comes to visit and sees no other person their age, they will not think about coming twice. This past Sunday it was absolutely great to see our youth sitting together. You know what, there were two teen visitors that saw them and eventually sat with them. We have lots of great, growing teenagers in our church, but it is hard to see them all when they are all spread out. I assure you, they are there. I do believe it is better for visitors if they all sit together and make their presence known.

Upcoming Events for October

S.N.A.C this Sunday evening from 7pm-8:30pm.

This is our monthly fellowship meal out. We will go to fast food close by and be back in time for last minute homework and a decent bedtime. Parents and youth assistants are always invited to come with us.

Judgment House

Sunday Oct. 25 4pm-8pm

Please bring money for supper before we enter the Judgment House. This is a live-action drama that depicts the ultimate realities of Heaven and Hell. It is not a haunted house. It is not overly scary. **We must invite our non-Christian friends to this event!** This is a great presentation of the gospel in a unique way. I have seen many youth commit their lives to Christ after witnessing the Judgment House. Teens, please be the missionaries you are called to be and invite your friends to go with us!

Jody



CONGRATULATIONS to Ann Oswald and William Fallaw who were married on Saturday, September 26.

ATTENTION: FAMILIES WITH PRESCHOOLERS
 On October 11, all families with preschool children (birth-5) are invited to a covered dish fellowship lunch immediately following morning worship. This event will be hosted by the preschool committee and preschool Sunday School teachers. **Meat will be provided.** Bring your favorite side dishes and desserts and join us for fun and fellowship. Please invite any families who have been visiting with us or who are looking for a church home. Call Sallie Bozard for more information.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE
October 4-10, 2009

Sunday, October 4

- 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. WMU Council
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 Youth Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Handbell Choir
 Youth S.N.A.C.

Tuesday, October 6

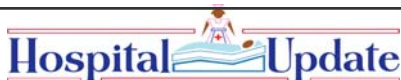
- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 10:30 a.m. NHC Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. **ESTHER** Bible Study

Wednesday, October 7

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper Line Opens
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
 Youth Lighthouse
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service
 Young Professionals
- 6:45 p.m. Children's Mission Groups
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 8

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



as of Monday, September 28
Lexington Medical Center

Doll Crapps
 John Chapman

Kathryn Ward and Catherine Burton
 are in rehab at Agape, West Columbia.

Bobbie Becknell is in rehab at Lexington
 Medical Extended Care.

Nina Blanks has moved to Rapha Care.

Janie Chapman Offering
for State Missions,
Missions Education, and
Experiencing Kingdom Life
State Goal: \$2,000,000
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SPECIAL MINISTRIES
October 4, 2009
HEALTH MINISTRY
 Margie Hazel

EXT. TEACHING CARE
 Coordinator: Debra Shepherd

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones
 Chris Davis
 Laura Rose

Twos and Threes
 Jannas and Hannah Matthews

GREETERS

Snyder Building
 Iris Wellborn
Burriss Building
 Legare Gunter

Front Lower Level
 Boyd and Azalea Anderson

SOUND

James Franks

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

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



October 7
 BBQ Sandwich
 Baked Beans
 Slaw
 Rolls & Dessert

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

Children 4 & under FREE

Reservations are necessary.

**Forms are available at sanctuary entrances
 and in registration booklets.**

**Deadline to sign up or cancel
 reservations is noon on Monday.**

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 Sr. Adult Mountain Trip
 Youth "Nacho Libre Night"