

Florence Baptist Church

201 South Broadway Street

# The Messenger

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## DEACON NOMINATION



On Sunday, March 7, 2010, you may nominate up to four persons for deacons. Nominees can be women or men. Nominees must be 25 years of age and must have been a member of Florence for 2 years as of September 1, 2010. The list of nominees will appear in *The Messenger* the week of March 16. On Sunday, March 21, 2010, we will elect four persons from the nominee list to serve as deacons.

Please note that the following persons are presently serving as deacons. They are not eligible for nomination.

### **CURRENTLY SERVING**

#### **RETIRE 2010**

**James Harmon**  
**Keith Hunt**  
**Rick Millwood**  
**Phillip White**

#### **RETIRE 2011**

**Chuck Hardin**  
**Bill Koonce**  
**Terry Ledford**  
**Johnny Perkins**

#### **RETIRE 2012**

**John Mark Bennett**  
**Jimmy Clay**  
**Wes Mayse**  
**Chester Melton**

#### **RETIRE 2013**

**Al Adams**  
**Tony Fowler**  
**Martha Jean McFarland**  
**Butch Moore**

## PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

A deacon nomination form will be in your bulletin this coming Sunday, March 7. When you come to worship, we invite you to use this form to place nominations for deacons who will serve the church for the next four years.

As indicated on the front of The Messenger, our Constitution says deacons can be women or men. They must be 25 years of age and must have been a member at Florence for 2 years as of the time they actually begin serving, September 1, 2010.

As you will also see on the front of The Messenger, Florence has 16 deacons. Four rotate off each year, and four rotate on each year. Once they rotate off, deacons must wait at least one year before being eligible for nomination again.

If you come to First Light, please place your nomination form in the blue baskets where we also put the offering for First Light. If you come to Salt and Light, please place your nomination form in the offering plate when it is passed.

As always if you are going to be away on Sunday, March 7, please come by the church and fill out an absentee nomination form. These will be available in the church office by Wednesday, March 3.

Once again, nomination forms will be in the worship bulletin. We do ask that only church members nominate, and that each Florence member only use one form, nominating up to four persons. We use the honor system at Florence, and it has always served us beautifully.

Deacon nomination and election is very, very important. Please pray about those persons whom you will nominate. Some questions to ponder are:

- Who has a servant heart?
- Who is present for all church services and activities?
- Who is striving for obedience to Christ?
- Who is striving to grow in faith?
- Who is faithful in Bible study and prayer?
- Who can lead this church forward in the days to come?
- Who witnesses of the Good News and tells the Florence story?

Preacher B

## CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Interested in playing in a basketball league once a week between March & May? Contact Mike Elgin to sign-up. Games should start within a couple of weeks. Players must be active at Florence to play and no younger than a Senior in High School.

## RECORDS February 28, 2010

Sunday School	370
Budget Offering	19,403.25
<i>LightShine</i>	4,866.00
Fellowship Supper	352.93
WMU Heck Jones Offering	25.00
Campus Crusade	55.00
Angel Food Fund	40.00

## IN SYMPATHY

Ronda Gantt in the loss of her father, Howard Josey

## IN THE HOSPITAL

Shirley Bowen - Rutherford Hospital  
Ruth Medford - Rutherford Hospital  
Ann Ruppe - Rutherford Hospital

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Tracey Lynch - Profession of Faith

## GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

**IN MEMORY OF ALICE GREENE, mother of Mike Newton**  
Mack & Pam McKeithan                      Tommy & Crystal Smith

**IN MEMORY OF HOWARD JOSEY, father of Ronda Gantt**  
Marty & Janet Beam                      Clarence & Cindy Campbell  
Patsy Champion                          Dot Culbertson  
Larry & Beverly Davis                      Marie Davis  
Earleen Douglas                          Ruby Evans  
Joe & Barbara Freeman                      Debbie Gaskill  
Tom & Karen Hamrick                      James & Beth Harmon  
Ruth Hodge                                  George & Louise Holland  
Tim & Linda Lovelace                      Martha Jean McFarland  
Mack & Pam McKeithan                      Rick & Janet Mason  
Chester & Glenda Melton                      Kelly & Vickie Mitchem  
Terry & Dale Moore                      Johnny & Gerry Perkins  
Pat & Lucille Nanney                      Terry & Tracy Self  
Andy & June Sims                          Tommy & Crystal Smith  
Jan Songster                                  Eddie Ward  
Phillip & Alpha White                      Mark, Julie & Bryan Winslow  
Adult Choir                                  Sunshine Sunday School Class

**IN MEMORY OF NATALIA GRACE MCKEITHAN (NATASHA)**

Earleen Douglas                          Tom & Karen Hamrick  
Joe & Barbara Freeman                      Tommy & Crystal Smith

**IN MEMORY OF CATHERINE PADGETT, mother of Trudy Holland**

Joe & Barbara Freeman                      Tommy & Crystal Smith

**IN HONOR OF THE GANTT'S ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY AT FLORENCE**

Chester & Glenda Melton

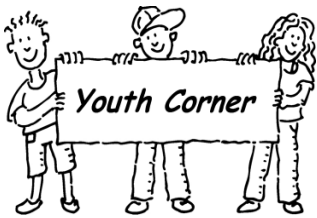
## Spring Marriage Celebration

Friday - Saturday, April 16-17, 2010

Hosted by Florence

With Special Guests ~ Scott & Angela Hunter

Come join us for our 2nd Annual Marriage Week-end! Whether you are newly engaged, celebrating your 50th anniversary or somewhere in between, this celebration is for you! Pick up a brochure this Sunday and register for a week-end that will ignite your marriage. Call Mike Elgin for more information.



This past week the teens on the Vietnam mission team were rushed out of the youth camp just ahead of the police. Later that day, they visited a Bible college, which took a risk simply to have them there. The property is frequently under police surveillance, and the living conditions are meager and modest, to say the least. As many as two hundred students are packed into extremely limited space with one small kitchen, two shared bathrooms, and an individual limit of one backpack-size piece of luggage. For safety reasons, the student's can't come and go freely. This is their world for four years.

Bethany, one of the American teens on the "Underground Reality Vietnam" series had this to say after visiting the Bible college. "It's really convicting, actually because we don't even want to get up for church, but they sacrifice it all and don't even think twice. They were so single minded in their pursuit of Christ, your heart just has to change. You have to die to yourself completely...you have to give all of your dreams and all of your desires to Christ."

I challenge you this week to do something out of your ordinary routine, not for show, but out of genuine devotion to Christ and a desire to identify with Him. Be prepared for your actions to spark spiritual conversations and to open doors for you to share your faith in Christ.

See you on Wednesday!

Laura ☺



**THE DATE** MAY 1, 2010

**OPERATION IN AS MUCH!**



A trip to Pigeon Forge is planned for the Senior Adults for May 3 and 4. Cost of the trip is \$90.00 per person, double occupancy. This will include transportation on church vehicles,

lodging, a continental breakfast, 2 shows, Black Bear Jamboree and Country Tonite and one dinner. A \$30.00 deposit turned in at the Church Office or to Martha Jean McFarland will hold your place. We need to hear from you soon!



Senior Adults are going to **HAMRICK'S** in Gaffney, SC Tuesday, March 9! Deadline for sign-up will be Sunday, March 7th. We will depart at 8:15 a.m.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR - March 7-13**

**SUNDAY:** Deuteronomy 1-2; Mark 7:24 - 37

8:45 - First Light Service (LEC)

9:45 - Bible Study

11:00 - Salt & Light Service (Sanctuary)

4:00 - G.L.O.W.

5:00 - Wind Ensemble

5:00 - Youth Praise Band/Team

6:00 - Youth Discipleship (*The Loft*)

6:00 - PowerHouse (*The Ark*)

6:00 - Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

6:00 - Children's Bible Drill (Room 109)

6:00 - Adult Handbells

7:00 - Adult Praise Band/Team

**MONDAY:** Deuteronomy 3-4; Mark 8:1-10

9:00 - Exercise Class

**TUESDAY:** Deuteronomy 5-6; Mark 8:11-26

8:15 - Senior Adults Hamrick's Shopping Trip

**WEDNESDAY:** Deuteronomy 7-9; Mark 8:27-38

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir

5:00 - Staff Fellowship Supper Serving Time

5:30 - Choir Leaders & Choir Chimes Serving Time

5:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Supper Serving Time

5:45 - 6:15 - Choir Chimes (4th and 5th Graders)

6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool & Children's Choirs

6:30 - 7:00 - Prayer Meeting (LEC Gym)

6:30 - 7:30 - Youth Bible Study (*The Loft*)

7:00 - 7:30 - Mission Friends/GA's & RA's

7:30 - 8:30 - Adult Choir

8:30 - Adult Praise Band

**THURSDAY:** Deuteronomy 10-11; Mark 9:1-13

**FRIDAY:** Deuteronomy 12-14; Mark 9:14-29

9:00 - Exercise Class

**SATURDAY:** Deuteronomy 15-17; Mark 9:30-50

**YOKEFELLOW ASSIGNMENT**

Mixed Vegetables



**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

**07** - Marcia Graybeal, Ann Haynes, Sharon Jackson, Kevin Langlely, Parker Marshall

**08** - Steven Burns, Max Davis, Asa Hamrick, Myra King, Jimmy Peplinski, Megan Roberson

**09** - Mike Callahan, Clint Condrey, Matt Jonas, Tiny Jones

**10** - Kristi Brooks, Mary Metcalf

**12** - Steve Francis

**13** - John Bennett, Cindy Carlton, Leroy Nolan, Dana Zaffuto

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

**07** - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robinson



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**Baptist Men's Steak Night**  
**Thursday, March 18th**  
**6:30 p.m. LEC Gym**  
**Cost \$5.00**

Sign-up on Wednesday night or call the Church Office.  
Contact Kelly Mitchem for more information.

**Fellowship Supper Menu Wednesday, March 10, 2010**

Main Menu: Chicken Casserole, Fried Okra, Baked Apples, Biscuits, Dessert

Alternate Menu: Meatball Subs, Chips, Dessert

All orders must be received by **Monday Noon** before the Wednesday for which you are ordering!

**NURSERY SCHEDULE SUNDAY - March 7**

**8:30 AM** - Adam & Heidi Moose, Talula Adams, Jessica Herndon  
**11:00 AM** - Megan Duncan, Trudy Holland, Greg & Alyson Mayse  
**6:00 PM** - Steve & Elaine Hughes

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP - March 7**

**8:45** - Amanda McMellion & Janet Phillips  
**11:00** - Chuck & Stephanie Hardin

**Wednesday Night - March 10**

**6:15- 7:00** - Chuck & Denise Arrowood, Kim Bridges, Kristi Germack  
**7:00 - 7:30** - Chuck & Denise Arrowood, Kristi Germack, Lynn Ruff