

**END OF THE YEAR COOK OUT**

Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, the deacons are hosting a church wide family cookout. Plan now to bring your family to a wonderful time of food and fellowship as we begin the summer with a cookout. The event will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the gym. The church will provide the hamburgers, buns, drinks and paper products. Please bring desserts and sides to make this meal complete. There will be a special treat after the meal as we move to the sanctuary for two special musical plays presented by our children: *The P.J. (Prayers for Jesus) Party* and *Camp Wallaballa*.

**SINGING CHURCHMEN**

The South Carolina Baptist Singing Churchmen will present their final concert of this year next Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, at First Baptist Church in Simpsonville. The concert begins at 6:45 PM. If there is enough interest, Carolyn Locke has agreed to drive the church bus, leaving our church at **5:45 PM**. Please call the church office by noon on Friday, or see me Sunday morning if you would like a ride to the concert.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

First Baptist Church family is pleased to welcome Ryleigh & Sydney Lusk into the fellowship of believers here at First Baptist Church. They both joined this past Sunday by professions of faith and as candidates for baptism. We look forward to many more days of worship and service with Ryleigh & Sydney and their families.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Phil & Lyndi Carwile have a new addition to their family. On May 8, 2009 they were blessed by the birth of a daughter, Addison Claire Carwile. Addison arrived weighing 6 lbs and 11 ozs. Best wishes to big sisters Lily & Eva Kate and to all the extended family.

**FINANCIAL NEWS**

Sunday Receipts (5-10-09)	\$ 13,109.00
Year To Date Requirements	\$ 226,168.97
Year To Date Receipts	\$ 210,779.23
Found Faithful Commitment Cards	\$ 522,425.30
Found Faithful Weekly Receipts	\$ 1,522.00
Found Faithful Year To Date Receipts	\$ 47,672.04
Found Faithful Total Receipts	\$ 404,107.13
Mother's Day Offering Goal	\$ 2,500.00
Mother's Day Offering Receipts	\$ 930.00

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**SPRING COOKOUT & CHILDREN'S MUSICALS**

The fun and fellowship begins at 5:00 PM in the gym with a cookout sponsored by our deacons. Afterwards we will move to the sanctuary for the two programs being presented by our children's choirs at **6:30**. All children need to be in the sanctuary by 6:00

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTE:** There will be a dress rehearsal for "Camp Wallaballa" this Sunday, May 17, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. All children and adults involved need to be here for this very important final rehearsal.

**THANK YOU:** Master's Ringers, you were outstanding! Thank you for the many hours of rehearsal you give in order to present such beautiful music in our worship. Your music was truly inspirational.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

Sunday, May 17

9:00 a.m.	Master's Ringers /Sanctuary
9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group in the Conference Room
10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Live WEPC 88.5
5:00 p.m.	Vespers
5:00 p.m.	<i>Camp Wallaballa</i> Dress Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Study

Monday, May 18

8:30 a.m. WEE School

Tuesday, May 19

4:30 p.m.	Stewardship Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Deacon's meeting
7:00 p.m.	WEE Graduation

Wednesday, May 20

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	<b>WEE School Water Day</b>
5:00 p.m.	End of the Year Cook Out/Gym
6:30 p.m.	Children's Musical Programs/Sanctuary

Thursday, May 21

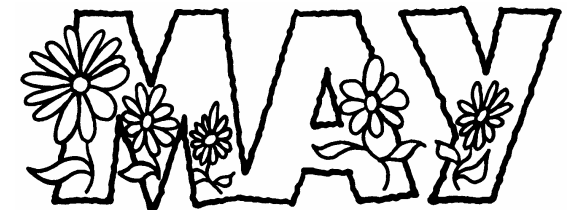
11:00 a.m.	Sunday School @ Maples/Gail Williamson
4:00 p.m.	AM Service Broadcast/Channel 15
6:30 p.m.	Men's Ministry Meal

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**B-HP CHRISTIAN LEAGUE SCHEDULE**

**15 & Under Softball**

Tues. May 19 - 6:30 p.m.	Keowee vs. First Baptist
Thurs. May 21 – 6:30 p.m.	First Baptist vs. Shady Grove



**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009**

**AM Service** "Faith Stimulators" T. Dale Lynch  
**Offertory Prayer** Richard Edwards  
**Counting Committee** Mary Lou Newman, Linda Locke  
& Gale Pruitt  
**Ushers** Tom Byers, Matt Lusk & Jack Marshall  
**Audio Visual** Dan Harvell & Greg Tysl

**Deacon Greeters for May:**

Hank Clinkscales Jennifer Wilson  
Bobby Key Ken Heller  
Richard Edwards

**Extended Session For Sunday, May 17, 2009**

Birth to 24 mths: Amy & Lauren Vaughn  
JoAnne Gilreath  
2's: Randy & Tracy Hedrick  
3's: Jan & Mary Kathryn Holliday  
4's: Jaime & Sandra Major  
5's: Michael & Polly Gilreath

**Children's Message:** Michelle McCollum

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

Atlanta Medical Center  
Betty Wright – (Mary Thompson's sister)

**SYMPATHY**

First Baptist Church family expresses Christian love and sympathy to Pat Appleshwhite in the loss of her sister, Josephine Carnes.

**MAY IS A 5 SUNDAY MONTH...  
REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS  
FOR AIM'S FOOD PANTRY!!!**

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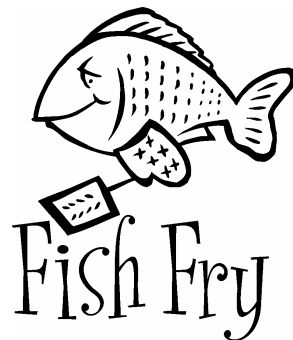
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**GRADUATING SENIORS**

On Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have Graduate Sunday. If you are graduating this year from high school or from an institution of higher learning, please call the church office with your full name and information about your upcoming graduation. The deadline for this information is Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please help us gather this information as we make preparations to honor our graduates.



**MEN'S FISH FRY**

Men...join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Men's Ministry Fish Fry on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> in the FLC at 6:30 p.m. Ron Gilreath will be the "chef." The speaker for the evening is Joey Thames, headmaster of New Covenant School. Call the office and sign up for a hardy evening of good food and fellowship.



# The Bell Tower

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***"The P.J. (Prayers to Jesus) Party"***

**Presented by  
Music Makers I Preschool Choir**

**Along with**

***"Camp Wallaballa"***

**Presented by  
Music Makers II and Young Musicians Choirs**

**6:30 PM – Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>  
In the Sanctuary**

Cookout begins at 5:00 PM in the Gym