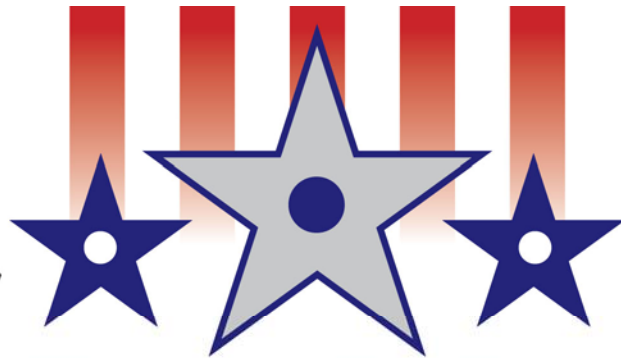


As a body of baptized believers, First Baptist Church is a worshipping family of God, gathered because of our faith in His Son Jesus Christ and seeking truth from His Word, the Bible. Under the leadership and empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we strive to reach people, nurture them and involve them in Christian worship, fellowship and training while prayerfully seeking to minister to all people.

We Remember...



MEMORIAL
DAY

MAY 28, 2012

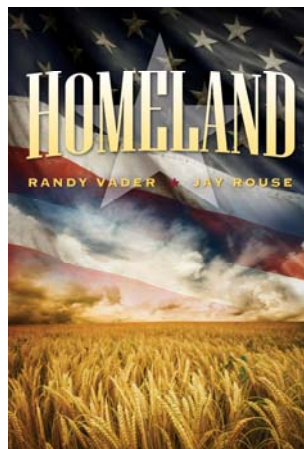


Coming Soon!

June 24, 2012

3:00 PM

Voices of Colleton
Community
Choir



“America—a land uniquely blessed of God—a staggering mosaic of natural beauty and resources. America—sweet land of Liberty. America—residence for those who dared to dream the dream, pay the price, share the costs...of living in the HOMELAND!


—Randy Vader



2012



Please visit
www.walterborofirst.org
 for the latest calendar
 information and updates!

		Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:15 AM P4FBC	2	3	4	5 
6 11:00 AM Senior Adult Worship 12:00 PM Lunch in FH 3:00 PM VOCCC Rehearsal 	7	8 9:15 AM P4FBC 10:00 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer Group	9 Last Wednesday Meeting of Preschool and Children's Choirs, Missions Organizations	10	11	12 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Colleton County Relay for Life 7:00 PM Old High School Track</div>
13 Mother's Day 11:00 AM Communion 5:00 PM WEE Committee Stewardship Committee 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting	14 1:00 PM Red Cross Bloodmobile  <i>Together, we can save a life</i>	15 9:15 AM P4FBC	16  5:15 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Conference	17 10:00 AM WEE 2 and 3 year end of year program 6:00 PM 4 year old program and 5 year old graduation ceremony	18	19 6:00 PM Hispanic Meal and Fellowship
20 11:00 AM Graduate Recognition 2:00 PM VBS Training 3:00 PM VOCCC Rehearsal	21 3:00 PM Norma Nichols Group	22 9:15 AM P4FBC	23 6:00 PM Prayer and Bible Study	24	25	26 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Sunday Weekly Activities 9:45 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Worship Service 5:00 PM Set Apart Youth Group</div>
27 11:00 AM Worship	28 memorial DAY   7:00 PM wMu BOOK CLUB	29 9:15 AM P4FBC	30 6:00 PM Prayer and Bible Study	31	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Wednesday Weekly Activities (after May 9) 5:15 PM Fellowship Meal (each 3rd Wednesday night before Church Conference) 6:00 PM Prayer/Bible Study 7:00 PM Celebration Choir</div>	



There is nothing uglier than a cross. That's the plain and simple truth, a cross is an ugly thing. It is a harsh, brutal reminder of a harsh, brutal implement of execution that was as torturously slow as it was finally lethal. Its victim died agonizing death, suffering the torment of pain, hunger, and thirst sometimes for days. A cross is an ugly thing.

You might disagree, but some folks look at a tree in the winter and see a stark and ugly thing, just bare limbs and rough bark, usually a monotonous gray on gray. A tree in winter is a picture of lifelessness. But we know that in the first blush of spring buds will begin to appear and slowly that lifeless gray will give way to the green of new life bursting forth. There's something about spring that's as life giving and beautiful as the old gray tree is bare.

Jesus dies on a cross. That's the plain and simple truth of it. If I were to describe that death in graphic detail, most of us wouldn't have the stomach to hear it. In fact you might think that talking about such distressing images was in very poor taste. After all we prefer our crosses made of shiny brass or gold. But when we look at the rough wood of even a miniature replica of the "Old Rugged Cross" we are reminded of the horror that the cross represented to those first century Christians.

Yet we do see songs about the cross and we speak of loving "that old cross," not just because of what Jesus through his death on the cross but because the cross wasn't the last word.

That's the real news we are called to share. God did send Jesus into the world to show the true nature of divine love. Even though Jesus' teaching gives us a way of knowing ourselves and God at a never before realized level, his teaching gains its meaning from the events which we remember. Even though the substance of Jesus sacrifice on the cross grabs our attention and we are touched by so great a love even as we are repelled by the tremendous suffering and pain inflicted on an innocent man, that death would have truly served no purpose. As the cross gave substance to God's love for us and to Jesus teaching, the resurrection gives meaning to the cross. We must never look at Jesus without the cross nor should we ever look at the cross as those without hope. We see all through the glass of the resurrection. So it is an old rugged cross made beautiful by the power of God's love and the truth of the resurrection.



GRADUATE RECOGNITION ON MAY 20!
High School, College, Technical School
Please let the church office know if you or someone you know is graduating this year.

We need your graduation date and from what school.



Communion Service
Sunday, May 13



Vacation Bible School
2012

There will be a training session for VBS on
Sunday, May 20
2:00 PM

Catch the Excitement!!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Don't forget that our Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day!



Senior Adult Day



Our Senior Adult Day, on May 6, promises to be the best yet! In the morning service, Rev. Ralph Warren, will be bringing the message. The Celebration Choir will be presenting glorious songs of faith and inspiration. Following the service, we will all make our way to the Fellowship Hall for a delicious meal and side-splitting FUN from my friend, Buddy Byars! Buddy is a retired Minister of Music from Walhalla, SC up in the northwest corner of our state. He has a passion for the Lord and enjoys bringing laughter and joy to those who have hearts to receive it. Come experience a great blessing by attending Senior Adult Day!



MAY BIRTHDAYS

*Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you!
Happy Birthday, God bless you! Happy Birthday to you!*

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| 2- Billy Moore, Cindy Nettles | 18- Jason Dandridge, Jerry Polk |
| 3- Ron Sammons | 19- Henry Ulmer, Sr., James Warren, Jr. |
| 4- Ann V. Hooker | 20- Doris Smith |
| 5- Faye Smoak | 21- Abbie Lucas, Kara Fox,
Terry Steedley, Kevin Pak |
| 6- Cheryl Beasley, Coleman Hudson | 23- Mary Corbett, Lin Houck |
| 7- Ashton Syfrett | 24- Steve Fox, John Tennant III |
| 8- Elise Walker, Sandra Wright | 25- Linda Hudson, Tiffany Fender |
| 9- Louise Cave | 26- Mitchell O'Quinn, Ben McMillan,
Kyle Lamb |
| 10- Harold Robertson, J. H. Zeigler,
Cal Griffin, Ike Smoak,
Cory McMillan, Ralph Warren | 27- Irene Carroll, Orene Hudson |
| 13- Sherry Fox, Kathy Houck | 28- Michele Tyler, Audrey Austin,
Ann Syfrett, Annie Ruth Crosby,
Sally Hudson, Trevor Hudson,
Bobo Hudson, Kathy Drawdy |
| 14- Dawn Young, Jennings Chapman,
Meredith Henderson, Peyton Hardee,
Lydia McCollum-Culler | 29- Linda Ritter, Ellis Upchurch |
| 15- Mary Kearse | 30- Burnice Corbett, Jr., Owen Bridge,
Ashton Fennell |
| 16- Vergie Smoak, Sherlene Brown | |
| 17- Patsy Wood | |



Proverbs 31:28 NIV



Information needing to go into our June 2012 edition of The Beacon Newsletter is due in to the church office no later than May 15 at 5:00 pm. Thank you for helping us get valuable information to you in a timely manner!