

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday, Oct. 1**  
 8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 Hispanic Worship FLC  
 Connect Class-Café  
 9:35 A.M. Second Worship  
 10:45 A.M. College Lunch  
 12:00 P.M. Choir chimes  
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
 Youth Handbells  
 Beth Moore Bible Study  
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade #329  
 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade #324  
 Youth Bible Drill #330  
 Evening Worship  
 YAC @ Forrester's
- Monday, Oct. 2**  
 8:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study #177  
 4:00 P.M. Church Council  
 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal  
 7:00 P.M. CBS #177  
 Deacon's Mtg.
- Tuesday, Oct. 3**  
 8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group
- Wednesday, Oct. 4**  
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs  
 Yth Track Times  
 ESL #145  
 Chi Rho  
 Beginning Bells -  
 Handbell room  
 5:30 P.M. Commit On Committees  
 6:00 P.M. Step by Step OT #177  
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
 Yth Cross Training  
 Mission Groups  
 Hispanic Prayer Library  
 FLC Open until 9:00  
 Reflections
- Thursday, Oct. 5**  
 9:15 A.M. CBS  
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Choir Room  
 5:00 P.M. TTU Family Night
- Friday, Oct. 6**  
 8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- Sunday, Oct. 8**  
 8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 Hispanic Worship FLC  
 Connect Class-Café  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch  
 3:00 P.M. Army Band @  
 Dogwood Park  
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells  
 6:00 P.M. NO Evening Worship

*Family Fun Night*



*Friday, Oct. 27*  
*6-8 p.m.*  
*Free Movie and Popcorn*

**Youth Hallelujah Party**

Saturday, Oct. 28  
 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Don't miss this great event at Bruce and Deborah Baranowski's farm. Invite a guest to join us for the hayride, campfire, games, fun, and music!

**BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

<b>Budget (9/24/06)</b>		<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00	<i>Attendance Reports (9/24/06)</i>	
Budget Gifts this Week	\$18,698.47	General Officers	4
Difference from Goal	-\$10,220.53	Preschool	73
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,897.14	Children	62
Total Gifts this Week	\$20,595.61	Youth	50
Budget Goal to Date	\$375,947.00	Adults	378
Budget Gifts to Date	\$347,203.19	<b>Total</b>	<b>567</b>
Difference from Goal	-\$28,743.81		
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$347,406.72		
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$203.53		
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$32,248.00		
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,465,349.46		

**Our giving to God is to be done voluntarily.**

"Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver."  
 (2 Cor. 9:7)


**NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**

- DEACONS OF THE WEEK**  
 Tim Hammons - Chief Deacon  
 Dimas Aranda  
 Dwight Suiter  
 Robert Fuller  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Barry Clouse
- EXTENDED SESSION - 10/1**  
**Bed Babies** - Fran Hutchinson, Pat Huskins, VOLUNTEER  
**Creepers** - Mike & Tiffany Gentry  
**Toddlers** - Richard & Cassandra Newman  
**Red Room** - Faye McCaleb, Brenda Spain  
**Green Room** - Patricia Fuller, Jenny Holmes  
**Blue Room** - VOLUNTEERS
- WEDNESDAY DINNER - 10/4**  
 Chicken & dumplings, green beans, fried apples, slaw, cornbread, dessert
- WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 10/4**  
**5:00-** Lillie Cantrell, Dorothy Hawkins, Don Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Burley Cannon  
**5:45-** Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Bob Lovell, Richard Cashion

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org)

**First Chronicles**  
*Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family*

**UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION BEGINS TOMORROW EARLY REGISTRATION COST PER CHILD IS BASKETBALL - \$48.00 CHEERLEADING - \$53.00**




**The purpose of Upward is to recognize that Every Child Is a Winner by promoting:**

- Salvation - To share the love of Jesus Christ with everyone involved in an Upward ministry.
- Character - To help every child grow as Jesus did - spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially.
- Self Esteem - To help every child grow in their understanding and enjoyment of sports.

**Ask the Lord where you should be involved.**

Practices begin the week of December 4.  
 First Game on Saturday, January 6.  
 Awards Night on Tuesday, February 27.



**Pastor's Heart**

October marks anniversaries for three of our ministerial staff members. Today I mark the completion of eight years as your Pastor. These have been years of challenge and growth. They have flown by. I appreciate your love, encouragement, and support. I continue to see clearly the call of God that brought us together to serve Him. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

Today also marks anniversaries for Jonathan and Charlie. I appreciate the hard work and team spirit put forth by both of these men. They are an asset to the Kingdom and to our church family. Take time to express your appreciation to both of them.

The next three Sundays I will be away from the FBC Pulpit. Salee, Lynsey, Keith, and I will be traveling across the world. First we will be leading our church group to India. God has blessed our family by allowing us to take on this task together. I am very excited that my children will see and experience this work first hand. Please pray for us continually while we are gone. On our way back, we are taking a few days in Europe for an educational vacation. We will be traveling in Germany by train. We will miss you and pray for you while we are away.

During my absence you will be well cared for by our capable staff and deacons. I am thankful that in my absence you will be in such good hands. On Sundays you will be delighted to hear again two of your favorite former Pastors. Gerald Stow will be in the pulpit on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and Bob Mowery will be preaching God's word on Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> Steve Farris and the team will be back from the trip and will share in both services.

I know that the Lord will be here each Sunday to fill you with His presence, wisdom, and power for service. Don't miss a single Sunday. These days that I am absent make your presence even more important.

This morning we will be voting on a call of Ann Hertzfeldt as our Director of Pre-school and Children's Ministries. Discussion and questions were entertained on Wednesday Evening. As you vote, you will be voting on Ann, the position description as presented on Wednesday, and the statement of agreement between the church and Ann. If you missed the discussion on Wednesday, please pick up the statement of agreement and the Job Description in the foyer.

See you in worship!  
 In His Love,  
 Pastor Randy

# Excellence in a Mediocre World

By Howard Dayton

GAINESVILLE, Ga. (BP) – We live in a society that considers average as exceptional, and slothful as normal. There was a time when the adage “When the going gets tough, the tough get going” was true. Today, the motto is more like, “Seek the path of least resistance, or quit when the going gets tough.”

Many schools in our educational systems “grade on the curve.” That means everyone’s grades are averaged together. And many Christians have allowed their standards to be graded by the curve of the world – and have become just average. What happened to Christians being the “lights in a world of darkness”? Many find it easier to adjust downward to mediocrity than to reflect the source of excellence, the Lord Jesus Christ and God’s Word.

Well, just what does God require of us? “Whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men” (Colossians 3:23). The common attitude today is, “somebody owes me something.” Many Americans think a lifetime job with good pay and a guaranteed retirement plan at age 65 should be theirs because they were born in the U.S.A. Employees believe that promotions should occur as a matter of time in grade – never mind the quality of work – and that a 40-hour week is maximum to help make the transition to home easier. They consider that 10-minute coffee breaks are meant to last at least half an hour, and half-hour lunches should take at least an hour and a half. Unfortunately, those same attitudes are often reflected in the lives of professing Christians.

The banner of nearly everyone today reads, “We demand our rights!” Well, exactly what are our “rights” as Christians? We have the rights of servants. Not a particularly appealing image to most Christians, but that is precisely what we are called to be.

It could be that many Christians have found no satisfying and useful role in life because of their proud, defiant attitudes toward an employer or spouse. That sort of attitude actually has its roots in a rebellious spirit toward God. Someone has suggested that one of the clearest ways to tell whether you have the spirit of a servant is to check the way you respond when you are treated like one.

You may think that you can have little impact on changing the course of our culture, with its mindset that considers average as exceptional and slothful as normal. However, you can have a great impact on your own life, your family, and your relationship with God when you choose to do everything with excellence – as if you’re doing it for God: “Whatever you do, do everything for God’s glory” (I Corinthians 10:31).

It should be sufficient for the Christian simply to know that God has established excellence as our norm, and to understand that accepting less is dishonoring to God and demoralizing to us. As believers, imagine what a wonderful testimony it would be if we were to begin living in such a way that it would confirm that, when times become mediocre, Christians choose to live excellently – for the glory of God!

*Howard Dayton is the CEO of Crown Financial Ministries.*

## Army Band Concert



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8TH  
3:00 P.M.**

**DOGWOOD PARK**

*Presented by 129th Army Band  
and First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir*

*In Coordination with the 278th  
National Guard Family Support Group*

*In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be in the  
Sanctuary of First Baptist Church.*

***No evening service at First Baptist Church***

## WE NEED YOU!

If you really believe children are important, please prayerfully consider teaching them in one of the following positions:

- | Red Room - 1 teacher
- | 2nd Grade - 1 teacher
- | 2 RA leaders (Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30)
- | Bible Drill leader (4th-6th grade Sundays 5-5:45)

Please contact Amy Leimer at 526-7108 or Tom Timmerman at 528-2891 if you are interested in teaching.

## TTU Football Faith & Family Night

Thursday, October 5  
Game is at 7:00 p.m.

TN Tech

vs

UT Martin

Bring the family and enjoy some tailgating! Get your group or Sunday School class together or use this as an outreach opportunity to invite someone to a fun event!

*Tickets are only \$1.00 each, and you may sign up and pay at the church office.*

Media  
Shout Training  
For Media Ministry Members  
October 1 & 15  
4:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

If you did not order additional pictures, your 8 x 10 Directory Photo will be available in the Church Lobby Sunday Morning

## Hike at Big South Fork National Park

and stay overnight at



**October 27 - 28**

For Full Service Guests overnight accommodations include bed linens, dinner the evening you arrive and breakfast the next morning.

Cost: Adults - \$58.50  
Children under 10 - \$48.50

Hostel-type accommodations are available and this includes use of showers and restroom facilities, use of common area except during meals. Kitchen privileges are available during non-full service meal periods. No meals are provided and Hostel guests provide their own bedding.

Cost: \$20.00 per person.

Sign up and pay by  
Wednesday, October 11



## ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS



**FREE COOKOUT  
AT TTU SOUTH PATIO  
RESCHEDULED FOR  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5  
11:00-1:00**

## Collegiate Night at Poet's



Sunday,  
October 8  
7-8 p.m.