

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, Nov. 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 Hispanic Worship FLC  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 12:00 P.M. Youth Lunch & Outreach

4:00 P.M. Beth Moore Study  
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Grades 1-3 #329  
 Grades 4-6 #324  
 Youth Bible Drill #330

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
 7:00 P.M. Y.A.C.

#### Monday, Nov. 20

8:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study #177  
 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal  
 6:00 P.M. WOM Night Group  
 7:00 P.M. CBS

#### Tuesday, Nov. 21

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Bonus

#### Wednesday, Nov. 22

No Activities

#### Thursday, Nov. 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
OFFICE & FLC CLOSED

#### Friday, Nov. 24

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#### Saturday, Nov. 25

#### Sunday, Nov. 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 Hispanic Worship FLC  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 4:00 P.M. No Beth Moore Study  
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Grades 1-3 #329  
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 Youth Bible Drill #330

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

### Parent/Child Dedication

#### Parent/Child Dedication Form

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Service \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Baptist will hold a Parent/Child Dedication service as part of the Morning Worship on **Dec. 10** at either the 8:15 or 10:45 service. Families need to be registered in order to participate in this special time of worship. Please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office to register your family. The registration deadline is **Wednesday, Dec. 6.**

#### PASTOR'S HEART (Continued from Page 1)

understanding that in the small group setting details are known and hashed out that simply cannot be effectively dealt with in huge meetings.

I am thankful for our Committees at FBC made up of men and women who are seeking to honor God and serve His church. We may not always agree with every recommendation and certainly we have the right and responsibility to oversee our committees, but we should always take very seriously their reports and recommendations.

See you in worship.

In His Love,  
Pastor Randy

### BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

#### Budget (11/12/06)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$39,241.21
Difference from Goal	+\$10,322.21
Total Designated Gifts	\$6,031.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$45,272.71
Budget Goal to Date	\$578,380.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$545,828.88
Difference from Goal	-\$32,551.12
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$529,583.17
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$16,245.71
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$47,725.29
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,480,826.75

#### Sunday School Attendance

##### Attendance Reports (11/12/06)

General Officers	5
Preschool	63
Children	62
Youth	51
Adults	390
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>

Our giving to God is to be sacrificial. "Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality." (2 Cor. 8:1-2)

### NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

#### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon  
 Jerry Joyner  
 Greg Steeves  
 Doug Winford  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Tim Hammons

#### WEDNESDAY DINNER - 11/22

No Meal due to Thanksgiving

#### EXTENDED SESSION - 11/19

**Bed Babies** - Pam Farris, Shelia Rich, Shanda Carpenter  
**Creepers** - Dennis & Judy Matheny  
**Toddlers** - Tim & Tanya Hadlock  
**Red Room** - Zhiqiao Wu & Lirong Liu  
**Green Room** - VOLUNTEER  
**Blue Room** - David & Michelle Price

# First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

### Pastor's Heart

The Tennessee Baptist Convention turned out a bit differently than I expected. I was anticipating my last meeting with the Committee on Boards and pleased to have completed my service as Chair of one of our important and influential committees. I was relieved as I came to the last item of our agenda and opened the floor for nomination for my replacement.

Suddenly a committee member again nominated me as Chair. I thanked the committee for their confidence in my leadership and informed the committee that I could not serve because I was rotating off the committee. To my complete surprise, TBC staff informed me that I had another year of eligibility. I was not to rotate off.

I am not sure, but I think I heard a locomotive speed through the room as I gulped. The motion for Chairman was quickly seconded and the committee voted. As of today, I am once again serving my (real) final year as Committee on Boards Chairman.

The Convention was more complicated than usual this year, but with an important lesson of polity. On the fly, the convention as a whole tried to correct a perceived inequity in the proposed budget that had been hammered out by the Finance Committee over the course of many months. In trying to fix one small inequity, the emotions of the convention led to the passing of a substitute budget that *unintentionally* cut \$400,000 from the day-to-day ministries of the convention's ministries to churches and associations.

Late on Wednesday afternoon a motion to 'reconsider' was finally offered and the substitute budget was brought back to the floor and rejected.

Though Committees are not perfect, the entire convention was reminded that it is for good reason that we have committees (small work groups) that can look with prayer and diligent consideration at the details of complicated issues. Reports of committees should be taken very seriously,

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## Operation Christmas Child



This Christmas, you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with a needy child in a country like Uganda or El Salvador by using a simple shoe box.

**The deadline for boxes is TOMORROW.** Please bring your shoe boxes to the church office during normal business hours, or you may leave them in the hallway in front of the church offices if it is outside normal office hours.

**Our goal is 500 shoe boxes.**

#### Suggested Items For the Shoe Box:

- Small toys (not war related or breakable)
- School Supplies
- Hygiene Items (no liquids or medicines);
- Hard Candy (no chocolate or perishable items)

## Holiday Schedule

FLC Closed

No Evening Activities  
Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, November 22

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24

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# What Is Your Ability?

**Mike Head**

**Associate Pastor for Administration**

Describing the Macedonian Christians, Paul wrote, "... that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability they gave of their own accord" (2 Cor. 8:2-3).

What does it mean to give beyond our ability? In some ways, it means to discard our treasured calculators and push our giving to the point where the numbers don't add up. It means to give when the proverbial bottom line indicates we shouldn't give. It might also mean to give away not just the luxuries, but also some of life's necessities.

Let's face it — most Christians (including most of us) do not give beyond our ability. Most of us do not give out of proportion to our income. In effect, we claim 1 Corinthians 16:2 as our life's verse concerning giving, where we are admonished to give as God has prospered us or in direct proportion to our income. Make no mistake about it — that's a good pattern for giving, a pattern that every child of God should be following. But sometimes God calls us to give out of proportion to our income. He calls us to give sacrificially in order that His kingdom might advance and prosper.

Such giving is unguarded, spontaneous, and uncalculated. This type of giving refuses to count the cost of giving, but instead, counts only the joy of fully obeying how God has directed in our lives. Such giving is frequently lavish and represents an act of love and discipleship. Such giving is exemplified by the widow who gave all that she had (Mark 12) and by the Macedonian Christians.

David Livingston, pioneer missionary to Africa almost two centuries ago, was described as having "sacrificed" his life in service for Christ on that continent. His response is highly relevant to our living and our giving:

Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of the great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own reward of healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of a glorious destiny hereafter? It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say rather it is a privilege...when we remember the great sacrifice which He made who left His Father's throne on high to give Himself for us.

Consider your giving. Are you giving less than your ability, according to your ability, or beyond your ability?

## YOUTH OUTREACH LUNCHEON TODAY 12:00-1:30 P.M.

Calling all youth and leaders to meet together for lunch and then make 1 or 2 visits. Each Sunday School class needs to be represented.

## WE NEED YOU FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!



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

- 1st grade - 1 teacher**
- 3rd grade - 1 teacher**
- 6th grade - 1 teacher**

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

## Christmas Decorating

If you would like to help the Flower Committee decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, meet at the church on Thursday, November 30 at 10 a.m. Call the church office for more information.



# Twelve Rules for Raising Delinquent Children

From the Houston Police Department

1. Begin with infancy by giving the child everything he wants; in this way, he will believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up that vulgar word, laugh at him; this will make him think he's cute.
3. Never give him spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him decide for himself.
4. Always avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later, when he's arrested, that society is against him and he's being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves around the house. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility upon others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he gets his hands on. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feed on filth.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children; this way they won't be shocked when the home is broken up later on.
8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never make him earn his own.
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink, and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified; hold back nothing.
10. Take his part against neighbors and officers of the law and teachers. They're all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with that boy anyway."
12. Prepare yourself for a life of grief; you will likely have it!

## Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time will soon be here for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$7.50 per poinsettia. Orders and money must be turned in by **Sunday, December 3**. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please place \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up the plant at church.  
(after the Christmas Eve Service)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take the poinsettia(s) to a shut-in.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Erin Legard  
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COLLEGIATE CHRISTMAS DINNER  
SATURDAY, DEC. 2  
6 P.M.  
@ THE WILSONS'