

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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 Choir Chimes
 Youth Handbells
 Orchestra
 4:45 P.M. No Adult Handbells
 5:00 P.M. No Children's
 Bible Drill
 Youth Bible Drill #330
 Evening Worship

Monday, Nov. 27
 8:00 A.M. Beth Moore Study #177
 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal
 7:00 P.M. CBS

Tuesday, Nov. 28
 8:45 A.M. MDO
 6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Bonus

Wednesday, Nov. 29
 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho Youth Choir
 Pres/Children's Choirs
 ESL # 145
 Youth Track Times
 5:30 P.M. New Mem. Committee
 6:00 P.M. Step by Step O/T #177
 6:30 P.M. Missions
 Prayer Meeting
 Youth Bible Study
 FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Nov. 30
 9:15 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 1
 8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

Saturday, Dec. 2
 11:00 A.M. Women of Word Party
 6:00 P.M. Collegiate Christmas
 Fellowship S.S. Party

Sunday, Dec. 3
 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. Choir Chimes
 Youth Handbells
 Orchestra
 4:30 P.M. Last 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
 Evening Worship
 6:00 P.M. Y.A.C.
 7:00 P.M. Y.A.C.

**Crossover
 Jackson County**
 December 16
 9 a.m. to 12 noon
 Meet at Sunlight
 Baptist Church on
 Highway 56
 Jackson County is a rural area with 46 churches, only four of which are Southern Baptist.

**Youth Christmas
 Tree Trimming**
 Sunday, December 3
 7:00-8:30 p.m.
 Youth Department
 Cookies, cider, and hot chocolate will be served. Youth and leaders are asked to bring ornaments, garland, etc.

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (11/19/06)	
Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$24,570.27
Difference from Goal	-\$4,348.73
Total Designated Gifts	\$4,353.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$28,923.27
Budget Goal to Date	\$607,299.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$570,399.15
Difference from Goal	-\$36,899.85
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$554,349.45
Increase from Prior Year	\$16,049.70
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$49,907.29
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,483,008.75

Sunday School Attendance Attendance Reports (11/19/06)	
General Officers	5
Preschool	68
Children	55
Youth	38
Adults	375
Total	541

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
 Jim Viar - Chief Deacon
 Barry Clouse
 Hoyt Maberry
 Ralph Mullins
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Pete Helton

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 11/29
 Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 11/29
5:00- Barbara Clouse, Patricia Fuller, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Farris
5:45- Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Weatherholt

EXTENDED SESSION - 11/26
Bed Babies - Ralph & Paige Mills, Sharon King
Creepers - Linda Wade, Cicely Scott
Toddlers - Chris & Debbie Winningham
Red Room - Steve & Ann Hertzfeldt
Green Room - Suzanne & Brittany Tollett
Blue Room - Chris & Barbara Gaby

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbccookeville.org.

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First Chronicles
Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

UPWARD UPDATE
Upward Basketball and Cheerleading season approaching

By Charlie Hutchinson
 Associate Pastor of Family Life

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading preparations are progressing. Much thanks to our leadership team this year – Joe Church and Brandon Reeves, co-directors of basketball, Tara Masters, director of cheerleading, referee commissioner David Mullinax, prayer and devotional commissioner Lisa Reeves, and grade level commissioners Greg Johnson, Howard Hutcherson, Larry Beck, Jim Mitchell, Colleen Cox, Mark Herberman, and Neal Marcum.



This new Upward display in the Family Life Center features the team pictures of all the Upward Basketball and Cheerleading teams from last season. The Upward heading was painted by Tyler Reagan.

This is God's ministry through First Baptist Church and you are a part of what is happening as we reach boys and girls, moms and dads for Christ. Pray about your involvement and ask one of these folks where you might serve. Specific ministry needs are clock operator, coaches for seventh-eighth grade boys and girls league, and referees. Currently we have 303 children signed up to participate this year. Practices begin December 4 and games begin January 6. Help us to communicate and share with each person involved that "Every Child is a Winner."

Pastor's Son's Heart

Hello my name is Keith, and I had the privilege of leading around 280 people to the Lord in India a few weeks ago. Now I would like to ask all of you a riddle from J.R.R. Tolken's book *The Hobbit*, it goes like this:

This thing all things devours;
 Birds, beast, trees and flowers;
 It gnaws at iron, bites at steel,
 Grinds even hard stones to meal;
 It slays kings and ruins towns,
 It beats even high mountains down.

Those that have already read *The Hobbit* of course know the answer, but for those who have not read it the answer is **TIME**.

It takes a lot of time to get to India, two nine and a half hour flights: first from Atlanta to Amsterdam, then from Amsterdam to Hyderabad India. It takes time to prepare; the Indian Christians spent more than 10 months praying for their friends and neighbors. Their pastors spent time arranging places in peoples homes for us to speak, and I had to spend time both praying and packing. Yet it is time well spent.

I went to a state in India called Andhra Pradesh, to a city called Tirupati. Going to India is almost like going back in time to the Old Testament. It is a place where although they drive modern cars and motorcycles, people just stop on the side of the road and sacrifice to their idols in temples. One of the pastors there named Gali showed me his arm where he had a tattoo of an idol. Before he became a Christian he used to go out to a temple in a deserted field. There he would take a knife and cut his arm to let the blood flow over the idol in sacrifice. Finally one day when he was at the temple and no one was around, right before he cut himself, he heard a voice that said, "Am I not greater than all these gods?"

It scared him so much that he headed home, but on the way he met a man who had recently become a Christian.

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Christmas Music at First Baptist

By Jonathan Nelms
Associate Pastor for Music

The music ministry at First Baptist has a strong tradition of inspiring Christmas music and this holiday season will be no different. Each of the choirs and instrumental ensembles of the church will be participating in services throughout December.

Christmas musical presentations will begin with the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. On this Sunday morning the Chi Rho Youth Choir will be singing two new songs of praise and the Praise Ringers Handbell Team will be playing a lively arrangement of "Go, Tell It on the Mountain." The FBC Orchestra will be playing as well. During evening service of the 3rd, the Heart Strings Harp Ensemble will be playing as well as guitarist David Champion.

December 10 is the Second Sunday of Advent and one of two Sundays on which First Baptist holds a special child dedication each year. Carol Rose will be singing in the early service. The late morning service will feature seasonal selections presented by the Sanctuary Choir and FBC Orchestra.

A special service of music entitled *A Festival of Christmas* will be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 10. This inspirational program will include special selections by the Sanctuary Choir, FBC Orchestra, Chi Rho Youth Choir, Praise Ringers Handbells, and the older children's choirs. Each of these ensembles will be sharing special arrangements of favorite Christmas carols. Following the service, the annual all-church tasting party will be held in Fellowship Hall.

More Christmas musical presentations are scheduled for December 17. On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Praise Ringers and Happy Tones Senior Adult Choir will be sharing delightful carol arrangements in the 10:45 service and soloist Betty Coleman will be singing "I Wonder as I Wander" in the early service.

The evening service on the 17th will feature seasonal presentations by all of the preschool and children's choirs as well as the beginning handbell ensemble and the children's choirchimes.

Christmas Eve, December 24, is the Fourth Sunday of Advent and a day for two special times of worship. One morning worship service will be held at 10:00 am. This service will include great congregational carol singing and special telling of the nativity story.

A candlelight Lord's Supper service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This forty-five minute service of worship features the Lord's Supper and concludes with each member of the congregation holding a lit candle and singing "Silent Night."

Each service in December will include great congregational carol singing and special musical presentations. Plan now to join the First Baptist family as they celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming 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 _____



COLLEGIATE
CHRISTMAS
DINNER
SATURDAY, DEC. 2
6 P.M.
@ THE WILSONS'
1633 Shipley Church Rd

Pastor's Son's Heart (Continued from Page 1)

So Gali asked this Christian about his God, and through that encounter Gali came to know Jesus, and later became a pastor. Stories like that are not really that uncommon in India.

The Christians there don't have much. Many live in one-room houses with dirt floors. They pray often because God is one of the only things they have. If their dog or cow is sick they can't take them to the veterinarian's office. They don't exist in India; so they pray and God works His miracles. When they know that their friends don't know God, they pray. And when teams of people from the United States get to India, God has been working in the hearts of the lives of all the people we talk to.

The result, when we went out in teams of four and five, which consisted of two or three Americans, a translator and a local pastor, and we shared the gospel of how God created the earth and mankind, how mankind turned from God and sinned, and how without Jesus we have no hope, when we share how their idols made of stone, can't save them, can't love them, and can't sacrifice for them, then God works in their hearts and they turn away from their past, and they follow Jesus as their one and only God, their Savior, and their Lord. They do this by the thousands, because when people take time to pray and to witness, God works in mighty ways.

It works in India and it can work here too. So if you have any friends who need to find Jesus. Take some time — and pray.

Keith Adkisson shared the following testimony with the youth during the Simultaneous Revival Services.

Que Pasa? Update of the Hispanic Ministry

By Alain Edel
Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries

The Hispanic Church has a unique opportunity to reach out to the community over the next few weeks. During the months of November and



The crowd packed in to the Family Life Center on Saturday to watch the soccer championships.

December, the Hispanic church is hosting a soccer championship in the Family Life Center with the purpose to serve the community by bringing Hispanics together and sharing the great news of Christ.

Last Saturday, November 18, 574 people came to the games and watched 16 teams play. Members of the Rio Vivo Hispanic Church came to help and hand out tracks and invitations to visit the Hispanic Church here at First Baptist Church Cookeville.

It was a great time, helping the community and sharing the good news of Christ. We already had one visitor from these games this past Sunday, and that man gave his heart to the Lord at the end of the service.

It's a big challenge and a lot of work, but the Lord is already giving us the results of this evangelistic soccer games and a beautiful strategy to share the gospel.

Parent/Child Dedication

Parent/Child Dedication service is a special time of commitment for parents and their children. During the service, parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

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**.

Parent/Child Dedication Form
Child's Name _____
Parent's Name _____
Worship Service _____
Birth Date _____

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Terry & Wa Ying Lai Steadman
489 Joshua Road
Cookeville, TN 38501

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

For International Missions

How would the Lord have you give?

National Goal: \$150 million

Church Goal: \$32,000

\$32,000

\$27,000

\$22,000

\$17,000

\$12,000

\$7,000

