

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, Dec. 17**

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 Hispanic Worship FLC  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Grades 1-3 #329  
 Grades 4-6 #324  
 Youth Bible Drill #330  
 6:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Musical

**Monday, Dec. 18**

5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal  
 7:00 P.M. CBS

**Tuesday, Dec. 19**

8:45 A.M. MDO

**Wednesday, Dec. 20**

1:00 P.M. FLC Opens  
 5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Christmas Caroling Party@ Bob & Judy Miller's

**Thursday, Dec. 21**

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

**Friday, Dec. 22**

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

**Saturday, Dec. 23**

9:00 A.M. Hispanic Soccer FLC

**Sunday, Dec. 24**

10:00 A.M. Worship Service  
 6:00 P.M. Candlelight/Communion Service

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



**Christmas Eve Service**  
 Sunday, December 24  
 6 p.m.  
 Join us for this  
 Candlelight/Communion Service

**CENTRIFUGE & M-FUGE CAMPS  
 JULY 9-14, 2007**

It's time to make your reservation for our incredible summer camp. This year we have confirmation to participate in a "combo-camp" at North Greenville College in Greenville, S.C. Youth will have a choice to sign up for Centrifuge or M-Fuge. Both are offered at North Greenville. Cost is \$248. A **\$50 non-refundable deposit is due by Jan. 28.** The 2007 theme is "Kilimanjaro."

**Connect Class**

**Four-week class begins Sunday, January 7 9:35 a.m. Café**

The purpose of the class is for you to meet the staff and other newcomers, and discover ministry, mission, and education opportunities. We will do an overview of Baptist history, church operating procedures and even give you a brief personal tour.

**BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**

**Budget (12/10/06)**

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$32,191.36
Difference from Goal	+\$3,272.36
Total Designated Gifts	\$18,877.93
Total Gifts this Week	\$51,069.29
Budget Goal to Date	\$694,056.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$673,199.91
Difference from Goal	-\$20,856.09
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$651,057.79
Increase from Prior Year	\$22,142.12
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$56,593.72
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,489,695.18

**Sunday School Attendance**

*Attendance Reports (12/10/06)*

General Officers	5
Preschool	76
Children	59
Youth	47
Adults	405
<b>Total</b>	<b>592</b>

**What we do with our money is both an indicator and a determiner of where our hearts are.**

"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation . . ." (1 Tim. 6:18-19)

**NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

Ted Jernigan - Chief Deacon  
 Ed Griggs  
 Bob Lovell  
 Pete Helton  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Lonnie Donaldson

**WEDNESDAY DINNER - 12/20**


NO MEAL  
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**EXTENDED SESSION - 12/17**

**Bed Babies** - Lois Weatherholt  
**Creepers** - Lily Qiu, Kay Doyle  
**Toddlers** - Jason & Kristin Fincher  
**Red Room** - Megan Trotter, Linda Venturino  
**Green Room** - Greg & Sandra Thomas  
**Blue Room** - Derek & Linda Wheeler

**First Chronicles**


*Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family*



**God's Design: Christ at Christmas**

**Children's Christmas Musical**  
**Tonight 6 p.m.**

Join us in the Sanctuary as the Music and Me, Music Time, Music Makers, and Young Musicians Choirs and the Youth Handbell team lead us in a special time of worship. The children's choirs will share songs like *Mary Had a Baby Boy*, *In Bethlehem*, *Ring the Bells*, and *Sing Noel* and the Youth Handbell team will ring *Joy to the World* and *O Little Town of Bethlehem*.



**Pastor's Heart**

Have you given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions yet? Remember, every penny of this offering goes to support missionaries and their work reaching people for Jesus in foreign lands. There are no administrative costs for mission agencies or fees for fundraising built into the gifts. (Unlike nearly every other good cause you will contribute to this season.) Of course our gifts should be above our regular tithes and offerings.

Lottie Moon was a diminutive missionary to China who served faithfully until her death in that land. As she toiled for Jesus, she often wrote back to her supporting churches to inform them of the great work and the needs that she found. In her honor Southern Baptist women began an offering to support all of our foreign missionaries.

The funds for Lottie's Offering often buy the essential outreach tools that missionaries use in their work. Through the years, the Christmas offering has supported work throughout the world and allowed Southern Baptists to be the most productive missions force for Jesus in this generation.

I believe that our gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering often reflect the priority of our Christmas celebration. When we budget more for everyone on our list than we do for missions, what are we admitting about our 'reason for the season'? I encourage you to give generously and graciously so that others can hear about Jesus.

Other Christmas gifts that you give or receive will fade in importance (often as soon as they are unwrapped), but a gift that leads another to Jesus will shine as a light of glory into all of eternity.

See you in worship.  
 In His Love,  
 Pastor Randy

# Missions and Discipleship

It has been two years this December since Pam and I joined the First Baptist family. We would like to express our great appreciation for the love, support, and patience that you have shown us. It has truly been a challenge to do the ministry God has given me here while continuing to lead the work in South Asia and English speaking Caribbean for International Commission.

I would just like to give glory to God and say that with Him all things are possible. We have not accomplished as much as I would like to. We still have a lot before us. But I praise God for the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Do you realize that more than 700 have participated in Discipleship Training classes and almost 400 have participated in mission/outreach projects? Over the last two years, our church has worked in the Dominican Republic, Dominica, Grenada, Barbados, Honduras, Brazil, Indonesia, Africa, India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Russia, Romania, Louisiana, Mississippi, Wisconsin, Alaska, and Massachusetts, as well as numerous projects in Cookeville and other parts of Tennessee.

In India alone we have now trained over 2,500 churches in outreach and over 1,000,000 people have made public professions of faith. I want to encourage you to join us on mission next year as our church works closely with the International Mission Board to become a Strategic Coordinator and an Acts 1:8 Church. Pray about going on one of our church sponsored mission trips next year.

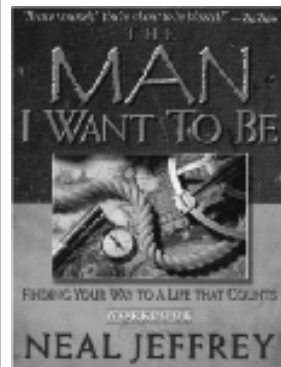
Several new discipleship classes as well as a new Couples Sunday School class are starting on January 7. You can find information about these mission and discipleship opportunities in the Central Lobby. March will be an exciting time for our church as we begin a church-wide study during Sunday School and worship on our identity as Baptists, looking at the uniqueness of our history, theology, and missions.

I want to say a big thank you to our teachers and administrative staff. You truly are a blessing.

Brother Steve

## DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### The Man I Want To Be



Two opportunities to be part of this six-week study for ages 21-55

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Led by Chris Vick or

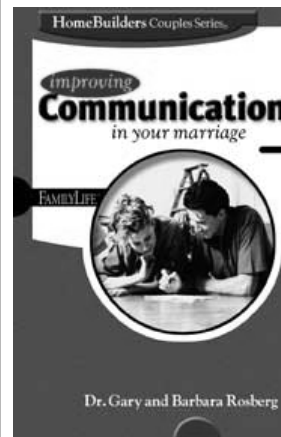
Sundays @ 4:30 p.m.

Led by Richard Cashion

Starting Sunday, Jan. 7

Room 114

### IMPROVING COMMUNICATION IN YOUR MARRIAGE



This study is designed to bring husbands and wives closer to each other and to God. You will recognize and understand the barriers to good communication; learn ways to make your relationship a priority; discover practical steps for resolving conflict; and increase spiritual intimacy as you seek God together.

SIX SESSIONS BEGIN

SUNDAY, JAN. 7

LED BY BOB & JUDY MILLER

AND STEVE & PAM FARRIS

4:30 P.M.

CONFERENCE ROOM

### Discerning the Voice of God: How to Recognize When God Speaks

Learn to recognize God's character, language, and tone of voice as you spend time in His Word and understand the role of the Holy Spirit.

Six-week study begins

Monday, January 8 @ 8:45 a.m.

Room 177

Led by Lisa Reeves

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Wednesday, December 20	1:00-3:00 p.m.
(popcorn & drinks)	
Thursday, December 21	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, December 22	1:00-3:00 p.m.*
(K-6 skating, games, popcorn, & drinks)	
Monday, December 25	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 26	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 27	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 28	1:00-3:00 p.m.*
Friday, December 29	1:00-3:00 p.m.

\*Children (fourth grade and below) may attend without an adult.

## Holiday Schedule

**Dec. 20**  
No Wed. Night Activities/Service;  
No Meal

**Dec. 24**  
No Sunday school  
10:00 a.m. Family Service  
6:00 p.m. Lord's Supper Service

**Dec. 25 & 26**  
Church Offices/FLC Closed

**Dec. 27**  
No Wed. Night Activities/Service;  
No Meal

**Dec. 31**  
No Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Family Service  
Family Night - No Evening Service

**Jan. 1**  
Church Offices/FLC Closed

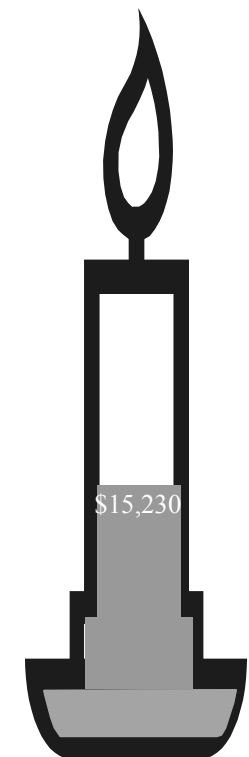
## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

For International Missions

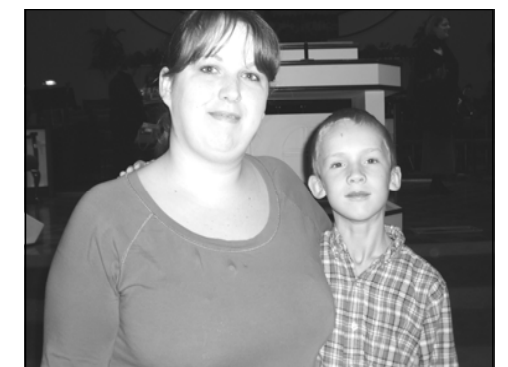
How would the Lord have you give?

National Goal: \$150 million

Church Goal: \$32,000



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Nikki and Blake Buckson  
4518 Meadow Circle  
Cookeville, TN 38506