

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sunday, Jan. 14**
 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. Youth Lunch/Outreach
 12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes
 Youth Handbells
 Orchestra
 4:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study
 Marriage Enrichment
 The Man I Want to Be
 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
- Monday, Jan. 15**
 10:00 A.M. Youth Day Trip/Nashville
 6:00 P.M. WOM Night Group
- Tuesday, Jan. 16**
 8:45 A.M. MDO
- Wednesday, Jan. 17**
 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho
 Pres/Children Choir
 Youth Track Times
 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Mtg.
 6:30 P.M. Quarterly Business Mtg.
 Children's Mission Groups
 Youth Bible Study
 Sanctuary Choir
 FLC Open until 9:00
 7:30 P.M. Dominica Training
- Thursday, Jan. 18**
 9:15 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Rehearsal
 11:00 A.M. BCM Noon Day Meal
- Friday, Jan. 19**
 8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- Saturday, Jan. 20**
 8:00 A.M. Upward FLC
 4:00 P.M. Chinese Gospel Mtg. FH
- Sunday, Jan. 21**
 8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hispanic Worship FLC
 Connect Class
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 Evening Worship
 6:00 P.M. Collegiates @ Poets
 7:00 P.M. Youth Leaders Mtg.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Stephen & Kerri Law
 1458 Mayfield Drive
 Cookeville, TN 38501

Area Evangelism Conference
Stevens Street Baptist
Monday, January 22
10:00-11:30 a.m.
1:45-4:30 p.m.
6:30-9:00 p.m.

Save this date
 June 17-22
 VBS 2007

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (01/07/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$33,968.92
Difference from Goal	+\$5,049.92
Total Designated Gifts	\$4,015.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$37,983.92
Budget Goal to Date	\$809,732.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$823,636.21
Difference from Goal	+\$13,904.21
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$774,905.94
Increase from Prior Year	\$48,730.27
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$63,528.72
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,496,630.18

Sunday School Attendance
Attendance Reports (01/07/07)

General Officers	5
Preschool	66
Children	68
Youth	45
Adults	417
Total	601

Giving is an act of worship that evidences our love for the Lord.
 "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God."
 (Acts 10:4)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK
 Jerry Joyner - Chief Deacon
 Van Slinger
 Jim Viar
 Tim Hammons
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Robert Fuller

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 01/17
 Meat loaf, macaroni & cheese, pinto beans, slaw, cornbread, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 01/17
5:00- Jeanette Phillips, Stella Dukes, Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Ramsay
5:45- Fran Hutchinson, Howard Stephenson, Arleda Hunter, Richard Cashion

EXTENDED SESSION - 12/14
Bed Babies - Jackie Donaldson, Becky Crosier, Mary Ruth Winford
Creepers - Kenny & Shawna Delon
Toddlers - Lily Qiu, Peggy Semmes
2's - Allan & Margaret Atkins
Green Room - Rosa Aranda, Deborah Austin-Ervin
Blue Room - Chris & Sissy Vick

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

Message Center serves as outreach to community

Thanks to the generosity of several church members, and the approvals of the Building and Grounds Committee and Stewardship Committee, a new electronic message center is now transmitting church information to our community as they drive by our church on Spring Street.



New Electronic Message Center

According to traffic studies, approximately 5,000 cars drive by this location every day. This new message center will enable us to quickly and effectively promote church activities and, more importantly, share the Good News of Jesus with our community.

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, Jan.17
6:30 p.m.
Agenda: Proposed Chapel Relocation Project; Proposed changes to the Deacon Manual

Pastor's Heart

Do you have a pebble in your pocket? If you were not here last week or if you need another one, make sure you pick up a small rock from the available stash in the foyer. Carry it every day for the next eight weeks to remind you of your influence — of your positive or negative, long enduring influence through word and deed.

This morning we will be focusing upon our influence as God's light in a dark world. *God has placed you* in a position, family, neighborhood, or classroom in order that you might shine the light of His grace. This is far more important than we allow ourselves to understand. I pray you will enter the sanctuary with a hungry heart seeking to understand the significance of this aspect of your influence. There is no more important aspect than this.

Quarterly business meeting is this Wednesday Night. The major item of importance is a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee, Stewardship Committee, and Building Use Committee to relocate our Chapel and Library. We shared the vision and plans for this recommendation before Christmas. Money has been donated for Chapel windows and the opportunity is before us. I hope you will come and be a part of the decision making process.

Do you know about the May revival? You need to schedule it on your calendar now. It will be an exciting time of reaching out to our community through an old fashion tent revival. The tent will be set up across the street. The evangelist will arrive from Kentucky and the Holy Spirit will anoint from Heaven all of those willing to be used for the Kingdom's growth.

Start praying now for the weather, the preparation, the preacher, and your neighbors. This effort will be blessed in proportion to your commitment and prayer. Get excited. Get to praying. Get to witnessing. Then watch what the Lord will accomplish.

See you in worship.
 In His Love,
 Pastor Randy

Choir Begins New Season

The adult choir of First Baptist Church has entered a new season of ministry and this is a great time for singers to join this dynamic ensemble. The Sanctuary Choir has a proud history of worship leadership and outreach. In just the past year, the choir has performed in New York's Carnegie Hall and presented concerts with Michael Card, the Mike Speck Trio, and the 129th Army Band.



During the first week of March, the choir will travel to Barbados and Dominica for a music mission trip. The ambitious evangelistic effort is a joint project led by Jonathan Nelms and Steve Farris.

Steve comments, "This is the first time that a choir has come to Dominica to do evangelism. The churches are excited about hosting our group and we expect to reach many, many people with the gospel." More information about the trip can be found at <http://fbcmomdom.blogspot.com/>.

The Sanctuary Choir is making other changes to enhance its ministry. Rehearsals now begin each Wednesday with warm-ups at 6:25 p.m. and conclude with prayer at 7:30 p.m. This span includes 60 minutes of focused and productive rehearsal.

Larry McNabb observes, "This change in our weekly schedule is great! I really appreciate how our time is spent." Likewise Farrell Cox said, "Just last week I received such a spiritual blessing at choir rehearsal. We worked hard, but God spoke to me."

Membership in the choir is open to all singers who are eighteen and older. High school students may sing with the choir if they are also active members of the Chi Rho Youth Choir. Several new members have come to choir this month and VIP folders are always ready for guests who would like to preview a rehearsal.

The Sanctuary Choir is committed to serving the kingdom of God through excellence in ministry, outreach, and worship. Jonathan Nelms acknowledges, "We want to grow closer to the Lord and to one another in all that we do. May we bring him glory as we pursue musical excellence and spiritual vitality."

Women On Mission Night Bible Study Group

Monday, January 15
6 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

We will be making fleece baby blankets.

Teacher Needed for 2-year-olds

Need to be able to play on the floor, have smiling face, and love children. See Ann Hertzfeldt or Tom Timmerman at 528-2891 if you are interested in teaching.

Dominica Evangelism Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 21
7 p.m.

Conference Room

Contact Steve Farris at 526-7108 for more details.

Disaster Relief Trip Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 28
After the 10:45 service
Chapel

Contact Steve Farris at 526-7108 or Wade Raines at 432-5318 for more details.

Is Giving A Part of Your Worship?

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

Have you ever asked yourself why you should give to God? After all, if God owns everything as the Scriptures claim, surely He doesn't need our help to pay His bills. Why, then, should the Christian faith place such a great emphasis on giving?

There are many reasons why we give, but one of the best motivators is that we should give as an act of worship, out of love and adoration for our blessed Lord who has given so much to us. Hearts that have been touched by God's love and by His sacrifice will naturally want to respond by giving. Such giving is an integral part of worship. In fact, it is worship just as much as praying or singing or preaching. Or as one contemporary author expressed it, "Grace and gratitude belong together like heaven and earth. Grace evokes gratitude like the voice an echo. Gratitude follows grace as thunder follows lightning."

When we give in that spirit, out of gratitude for God's grace shown to us, our giving takes on a whole new dimension. Like Cornelius, one who "... gave many alms ... and prayed to God continually," our prayers and gifts will ascend as an offering before God (Acts 10:4). Thus, as we give to the Lord through our worship, we evidence the grace of God in our lives.

On the wall of President Lyndon Johnson's White House office hung a framed letter written by General Sam Houston to Johnson's great-grandfather Baines more than a hundred years earlier. Sam Houston's signature makes the letter valuable but the story behind it is much more significant. Baines had led Sam Houston to Christ and Houston was a changed man.

The day came for Sam Houston to be baptized — an incredible event in the eyes of those who knew his previous life-style. After his baptism, Houston stated that he would like to pay half the salary for the minister. When someone asked why, his simple response was, "My pocketbook was baptized, too."

Like other followers of Christ throughout the centuries, Sam Houston demonstrated the reality of God's grace in his life by reciprocating that grace in the form of financial giving. Sam Houston worshipped God through his giving and his gifts gave fresh evidence of the grace of God at work in his life.

As you give to the First Baptist Church ministry, will you do so out of love and devotion as part of your worshipful praise? Will you thereby allow your prayers and gifts — like those of Cornelius — to ascend as an offering before God?

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

March 17-24

Disaster Relief Trip
Bay Saint Louis, MS
Coordinator: Wade Raines
432-5318

June

Builders for Christ
Chalmette, LA
Coordinator: Dennis Matheny
520-7178

April 1

Crossover Algood
1:30 p.m.
Meet at Eastwood Baptist

July 15-19

Appalachian Outreach
Jefferson City, TN
Coordinator: Rick Burnett
526-5161

May 17-25

Dominica
Evangelism
Coordinator: Steve Farris
526-7108

August 6-15

India
Trip Coordinator: Steve Farris
Team Leader: Randy Adkisson

June 7-20

Brazil
Evangelism
Coordinator: Frank Hickman

For more information, see the Missions display in the Central Lobby.

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