

First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

♥ TRUE LOVE WAITS ♥

True Love Waits is designed to encourage moral purity by adhering to biblical principles. This youth-based international campaign utilizes positive peer pressure by encouraging those who make a commitment to refrain from pre-marital sex to challenge their peers to do the same.

An estimated 2.5 to 3 million youth have signed commitment cards, pledging sexual purity until their wedding day. Students sign their name to a commitment card that states:

BELIEVING THAT TRUE LOVE WAITS, I MAKE A COMMITMENT TO GOD, MYSELF, MY FAMILY, MY FRIENDS, MY FUTURE MATE, AND MY FUTURE CHILDREN, TO BE SEXUALLY ABSTINENT FROM THIS DAY UNTIL THE DAY I ENTER A BIBLICAL MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14, during Cross-training (6:30-7:30 p.m.) youth will discuss and receive information about relationships, dating, marriage, sexual purity, and forgiveness.

Sunday night, February 18 a youth will share a personal testimony in the 6:00 p.m. worship service, followed by a Parent and Youth Fellowship and Commitment time in the Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Parents and youth, please plan to participate in this special time as you make a covenant together with God. Parents, you will have the opportunity to pray a blessing over your youth. You may want to present him/her with a special piece of jewelry, pin, charm, or letter as an encouragement and reminder of this vital commitment.



Pastor's Heart

Upward Day was a great day of worship and celebration. I know that it snowed. That was evident in our Sunday School totals. There were only 480 in Sunday School, but the Worship Service was packed with children and parents from all over our city. The weather was bad, but the day could not have been much better.

I appreciate so much the hard work of all of our *Upward* volunteers, and the planning team for *Upward Day* did a great job. John's message was clear and held our attention. The choirs were great and the puppets added a wonderful detail that had been missing from our earlier tube steak (hot dog) banquets.

Many families stopped me during the luncheon to tell me how much they enjoyed and appreciated the day. Well done, saints!

I also heard many good reports from our student led worship service on Sunday afternoon, as well as the home outreach fellowships during the Super Bowl. Many of our members attended one or both events. Again, I appreciate those who led in worship and organized the service and the fellowships. These were important moments that can bear great benefit to the Kingdom. The rippled waves of influence will go far. Good job!

Your Ministerial Staff spent the first three days of this week at Carson Springs on our annual retreat. This pivotal time gives us the opportunity for fellowship, discussion, prayer, planning, and dreaming for the Kingdom. I not only appreciate our ministers for giving this extra time, but also their families for giving them leave.

Ministry is stressful and time consuming. It involves not only the ministers themselves, but also their families. It is not unusual for phone calls, hospital visits, funerals, and special events to break into family time. So I know it was a sacrifice for our ministers' families to let us be away for three nights and days. Thank you for doing so.

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Focus on WMU Week February 11-18

To all women in the WMU:

In honor of the wonderful work and support you give to missions, you are cordially invited to a tea TODAY between 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Café area. If you are currently involved in WMU or would like to be, please come and join us.



Dungy, at NFL's pinnacle, points still higher to God

By Art Stricklin
Baptist Press

MIAMI (BP) – Tony Dungy closed out a soggy night riding the back of his players with his fists clinched, pointing to the sky, after his Indianapolis Colts captured Super Bowl XLI, 29-17, over the Chicago Bears Sunday night in Miami.



Dungy

But Dungy, a member of Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa, Fla., again used his nationally televised platform to give glory to God during the postgame awards ceremony.

“More than anything, [Bears coach] Lovie Smith and I, we’re Christian coaches and this shows you can win doing it the Lord’s way,” Dungy told CBS announcer Jim Nantz while holding the Vince Lombardi Trophy given to each year’s NFL champion.

“We’re more proud of that than anything.”

Dungy and Smith – whom Dungy hired when he was with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers – spent much of the week leading up to the Super Bowl talking about the source of their strength and explaining that one win or loss would not define them as a person.

To hear Dungy give a testimony of his personal faith in Jesus Christ at the biggest of television venues came as little surprise to those who know him best.

“Tony Dungy is going to be the same way all the time, win or lose,” Colts chaplain Ken Johnson said. “God is going to get glory in all situations and He always will with Tony.”

Colts owner Jim Irsay, who earlier in the week spoke of his own personal renewal of faith through a drug rehab crisis, also used the post-Super Bowl celebration to spotlight God’s hand on his team.

“I know God bonded us as such a tight team and looked after us

on this journey,” Irsay told Nantz and millions of TV viewers worldwide. “We’re going to give it all to God again.”

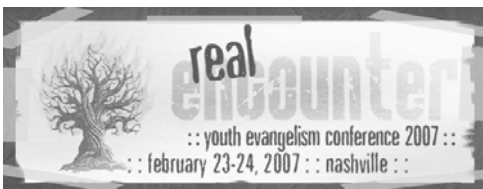
After Monday’s victory parade in Indianapolis and wrapping up some office details, Dungy will return to Tampa for a brief period to rest, spend time with his family and worship in his home church.

He said he will ask his family members again, as he does each year, if he should continue coaching the Colts, but with one year left on his Indianapolis contract, he expects to return. He said Saturday at the Athletes in Action Super Bowl Breakfast that he remains in coaching mainly because of the positive effect he can have on players’ lives and the public platform he has for sharing his testimony.

“I think God’s way is the best way,” he said during one of his pre-Super Bowl news conferences, “and I appreciate the opportunity to share.”

Baptist Press sports correspondent Art Stricklin is beginning his fourth year of coverage on the spiritual side of the Super Bowl.

**YOUTH EVANGELISM
CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 23-24
MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM**



Reduced cost is \$30 if you register by Feb. 14

**Youth Lunch &
Outreach
TODAY**

12:15-1:30 p.m.

We need all youth, leaders, and teachers to meet together after worship on Feb. 11 at 12:00 in the Café for a great lunch and fellowship, followed by a time to visit prospective youth. You are needed!



Upward Awards Night



**Tuesday, Feb. 27
6 p.m.
Sanctuary**

- **Featuring world champion juggler Nathan Dorrell and the Dazzlin' Dorrells**
 - Awards will be given to each child.
 - Three White Star Awards will be presented.

Preschool Sunday School Director

Does your life need excitement or new direction? We've got the perfect opportunity for you. The Preschool Department is looking for someone who loves children and has the ability to oversee the preschool department during Sunday School. On the job training. Talk to Ann Hertzfeldt or Tom Timmerman if you are interested.

WMU Missions Project: Food Drive

The WMU will be collecting food for Helping Hands of Putnam County during the month of February. Place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Receive a FREE picture of your unborn baby!



WANTED Pregnant Ladies for Free Ultrasounds

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Cookeville is looking for pregnant women to volunteer for free ultrasounds so that our center can complete our medical conversion and nurse training. The ultrasounds will be performed under the supervision of a registered ultrasonographer and medical professional.

- ♥ **February 16, 19, 21, 23**
- ♥ **March 14, 15, 16, 17**
- ♥ **Morning and Afternoon Appointments**
- ♥ **Women 7-20 weeks pregnant at the time of your appointment**
- ♥ **Call 526-5525 for information**



The Crisis Pregnancy Center is located in the Family Dentistry Building next door to the Big Pink Elephant, 694 South Willow Suite 3, in Cookeville

Pastor's Heart (Continued from Page 1)

Thank you as well to our First Baptist family for recognizing the need for this yearly time away. Our deacons pitch in to meet any needs and our office staff carries an extra load as we depart for these days. I pray that everyone will welcome fruit and see the benefit of this time of prayer and preparation.

I hope you are already praying for Revival and your part in this movement of God. Remember to set aside May 6th – 9th for this special time of renewal and outreach.

See you in worship.
In His Love,
Pastor Randy

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**Sunday, Feb. 11**

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hispanic Worship FLC
 Second Worship
 10:45 A.M. Senior Adult Lunch
 12:00 P.M. Youth Lunch & Outreach
 1:00 P.M. Dominica Trip Training
 Hispanic Evang. Training
 2:00 P.M. WMU Tea Café Area
 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
 6:00 P.M. Collegiates @ Poets
 7:00 P.M. Discerning Voice of God

Monday, Feb. 12

8:45 A.M. Discerning Voice of God

Tuesday, Feb. 13

8:45 A.M. MDO
 6:30 P.M. Dominica Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Feb. 14

10:30 A.M. Alternative School Lunch
 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho
 Pres/Children Choir
 Youth Track Times
 ESL #145
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
 Children's Missions
 Youth Bible Study
 Sanctuary Choir
 FLC Open until 9:00
 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Feb. 15

9:15 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 16

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

Saturday, Feb. 17

8:00 A.M. Upward FLC
 4:00 P.M. Chinese New Year

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 Y.A.C.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Matthew Mayo
 712 Shute Lane
 Hendersonville, TN 37075

VBS 2007

Mark your calendar
 June 17-22

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS**Budget (02/04/07)**

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$30,689.21
Difference from Goal	+\$1,770.21
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,702.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$32,391.21
Budget Goal to Date	\$925,408.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$910,383.00
Difference from Goal	-\$15,025.00
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$862,569.11
Increase from Prior Year	\$17,124.66
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$73,106.72
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,506,208.18

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (02/04/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	50
Children	69
Youth	47
Adults	309
Total	480

We should plan and prepare for when and how much to give.

“On the first day of every week, let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper . . .”
 (1 Cor. 16:2)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

Bob Southerlan - Chief Deacon
 Lonnie Donaldson
 Tim Hammons
 Randall Ramsey
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Barry Clouse

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 02/14

Ham, green beans, cream corn, salad, rolls, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 02/14

5:00— Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman,
 Mr. & Mrs. Gus Rich
5:45— Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King,
 Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Matheney

EXTENDED SESSION - 02/11

Bed Babies - Phyllis Stephens, Linda Chappell, Martha Powers

Creepers - Dennis & Judy Matheney

Toddlers - Tim & Tonya Hadlock

2's - Zhiqiao Wu & Lirong Liu

3's - Diana Gunter, Nikki Freeman

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