

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

#### Sunday, Mar. 18

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  
 Orchestra  
 Youth Handbells  
 4:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study #177  
 The Man I Want to Be  
 S.S. Teachers Training  
 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  
 Collegiates @ Poets

#### Monday, Mar. 19

5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal  
 6:00 P.M. WOM Night Group  
 7:00 P.M. Basketball Outreach

#### Tuesday, Mar. 20

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:00 A.M. Happy Travelers to Hendersonville

#### Wednesday, Mar. 21

12:00 P.M. Crossover Luncheon  
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
 Chi Rho  
 Pres/Children Choir  
 Youth Track Times  
 ESL #145  
 5:30 P.M. S.S. Teachers Train #325  
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
 Mission Groups  
 Youth Bible Study  
 Sanctuary Choir  
 FLC Open until 9:00

#### Thursday, Mar. 22

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Rehearsal

#### Friday, Mar. 23

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

#### Saturday, Mar. 24

#### Sunday, Mar. 25

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. Student Lunch/Outreach  
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes  
 Youth Handbells  
 Orchestra  
 Town Hall Mtg/  
 Stewardship #175  
 4:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study #177  
 The Man I Want to Be  
 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

## ATTENDANCE REPORT

### Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (03/11/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	57
Children	43
Youth	35
Adults	334
<b>Total</b>	<b>474</b>

College scholarship forms are now available in the church office. The deadline to return forms is April 30.

## Scripture Memory

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6

**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)

## BUDGET REPORTS

### Budget (03/11/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$14,043.20
Difference from Goal	-\$14,875.80
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,341.62
Total Gifts this Week	\$16,384.82
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,070,003.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,047,379.04
Difference from Goal	-\$22,623.96
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,036,456.03
Increase from Prior Year	\$10,923.01
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$78,791.97
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,511,893.43

### Budget (03/04/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$45,038.47
Difference from Goal	+\$16,119.47
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,269.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$48,307.47
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,041,084.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,033,335.84
Difference from Goal	-\$7,748.16
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,001,036.69
Increase from Prior Year	\$32,299.15
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$77,557.35
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,510,658.81

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ron Kinser - Chief Deacon  
 Bob Brown  
 Larry Beck  
 Dwight Suiter

### 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Bronn Rayne

### WEDNESDAY DINNER - 03/21

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, green peas, salad, rolls, dessert

### WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 03/21

**5:00**— Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Ramsay, Stella Dukes, Jeanette Phillips  
**5:45**— Arleda Hunter, Fran Hutchinson, Howard Stephenson, Linda Venturino

### EXTENDED SESSION - 03/18

**Bed Babies** - Cathy McCall, Debbie Ramsey

### Creepers - Jason & Kristin Fincher

### Toddlers - Fred & Amy Ray

### 2's - Jenny Kinser, Kim Groves

### 3's - Dennis & Karen Hicklin

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

# First Chronicles

*Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family*

## Musicians on Mission to Dominica

Jesus said that he “came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10) For this reason, 26 singers recently traveled to the Caribbean. At the request of Pastor David Serrant of Dominica, *Musicians on Mission* spent a week sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with the lovely people of Barbados and Dominica. Like the Lord, the team took the message of salvation into the streets and marketplaces. They witnessed to sinners and encouraged believers. In addition to 99 professions of faith, many more people were confronted with faith in the Lord and challenged to give their lives to him.

Dominica (dah-mih-NEEK-ah) is a remote island nation in the West Indies. A British colony until 1978, this is a poor country where agriculture and tourism lead the economy. It is a mountainous island formed by many volcanoes. Thermal vents and boiling springs are found throughout the tropical rainforest that covers most of Dominica's 300 square miles. The majority of Dominicans are descendants of African slaves that were brought to the Caribbean to work the sugar plantations. The remaining nationals are direct descendants of the indigenous Carib Indians. The *Musicians on Mission* team found the Dominicans to be a gracious and warm host. They love to sing and laugh.

In coordination with Pastor David, Steve Farris planned a variety of outreach opportunities for the choir. These venues included numerous public markets, schools, hospitals, churches, and a few tourist locations. The team was also invited to perform for two live radio broadcasts. At least two television appearances were also made that feature programs at a church and a hospital. Choir director Jonathan Nelms recalls, “Every day held a new adventure. God continued to provide new and unforeseen opportunities throughout the week.”

Because the team had been trained in personal evangelism, they were eager to share the Gospel with people wherever they went. Professions of faith were made in vegetable markets, snackettes, and bus stations. The local churches accompanied the team in most of the venues.

In addition to choral singing, Betty Suiter formed a special choirchime team that rang at many locations during the trip. The hospital administrator in Roseau was particularly grateful. Ms. Birmingham observed, “I have never seen an instrument like this before, but it is so peaceful. I'm glad that our staff and patients are able to hear this.”

In terms of outreach, one of the most fertile communities was a town named Fond Cole. The mountainous village had already been selected for a new church start. The First Baptist *Musicians on Mission* prepared the way by singing at the village



Glenda Nelms (far left), Pat Butler (second from right), and Steve Farris (far right) present Pastor David Serrant with a guitar for Deliverance Baptist Church.

## Pastor's Heart

One of the most exciting things that a believer can do is participate personally as the Lord saves someone. Ask the choir returning from Dominica. There is no greater joy than the joy that comes from seeing your witness bear fruit in salvation.

Still, witnessing, for many, is scarier than being chased by a bear! This morning as we worship, let's talk about our call to witness — as individuals and as a church.

This witness of God is primary. God has commanded it. God has empowered it. God will bless it. So let's get at it!

Witness is not merely an individual activity. It is also a cooperative effort. It is this cooperative effort of witnessing across the globe that we call “missions”. Today in Sunday School you are studying about the cooperative missions of Baptist Churches. Let's join together to win our world for Jesus.

As we quickly head toward April and our Cottage Prayer Meetings, I pray that you are planning on hosting and/or attending these times of prayer for revival. There is nothing that will prepare our hearts for the work of revival like prayer. Pray for our weather, our Evangelist Dale Rose, along with your friends and family. Pray that God will touch our hearts and change our community.

See you in worship.

In His Love,  
 Pastor Randy

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# DOMINICA

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market and leading 23 residents to faith in Jesus Christ. It has already been reported that a nearby Baptist church held a worship service in Fond Cole last Sunday night. Pastor Farris comments, "This is so exciting. We have been praying about starting a church in Fond Cole. Now Christians have a real foothold in that community."

On the team's final day in Dominica, they were invited to sing at the local secondary school. With a student body of 598, Principal Daily assembled the students for the choir concert. After sharing the gospel, no less than 40 students raised their hands and indicated that they had prayed the Sinner's Prayer.

Throughout the week, these music missionaries were inspired by the beauty of Dominica and its inhabitants. The views are rich, but the people are poor. The health care is less than even pets receive in Cookeville. Drug use is rampant and unemployment is 23%. Nevertheless, the team boldly shared the Good News with all who would listen. They encouraged the existing churches and helped begin a new fellowship. Participant Kyle Fuller observed, "I'm a firm believer in music missions. I have seen how our singing lowered defenses and allowed us to give something special to these people. The music opened the door for us to witness."



The Musicians on Mission sang at Goodwill Secondary School on Friday morning.

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. *Musicians on Mission* will be sharing special testimonies and songs from the trip. Plan now to join them for this special time of worship and celebration.

The team requests prayer for Pastor David and the other believers in Dominica. They are continuing to grow and serve despite limited resources. Jonathan comments, "I am so glad that we were able to encourage these brother and sisters in Christ. Each member of our team used their unique gifts to serve and witness. There were no spectators. Everyone was active and involved in this arduous mission endeavor."

Indeed, First Baptist is grateful for all who supported *Musicians on Mission* to Dominica. The team included: Todd Arnold (pianist), Deborah Baranowski, John Bayless, Patricia Butler, Pat Chancy, Barbara Clouse, Colleen Cox, Kim Emrich, Pam Farris, Steve Farris, Kyle Fuller, Jason Gaw, Heather Gibson, Joann Goff, Mike Head, Martha Head, Ann Hertzfeldt, Nanci Keyt, Glenda Nelms, Kassandra Newman, Carol Rose, Kaye Stringer, Betty Suiter, Dwight Suiter, and Tammy Wilson.

## Happy Travelers Trip to Callaway Gardens

April 16-18

Cost: \$275 per person

Limited to 22 people



You will enjoy 20,000 azaleas, mountain laurel, dogwoods, daffodils and daisies as you tour the Butterfly Center, the Azalea Bowl and much more. We will also tour the FDR Little White House and visit the World's Largest Aquarium

located in Atlanta. We will leave at 8 a.m. on Monday, April 16 and will return late afternoon April 18.

## Teacher Training

Upcoming training dates and handing out of curriculum for Sunday School teachers are as follows:

March 18 @ 4:30

March 21 @ 5:30

in Room #325

Please join us for Bible study and fellowship at the Women on Mission

Night Bible

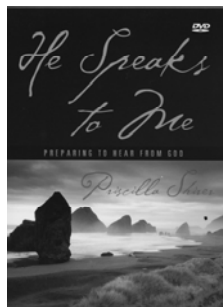
Study Group

Monday, March 19

6:00 P.M.

Café Area

He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God



Class will meet on Mondays at 8:45 a.m. in Room 177, beginning April 2. Child care will be provided. Please call Lisa Reeves with any questions at 528-4286.

## Crossover Algood

April 1

Eastwood Baptist Church

1:30 p.m.

Crossover will begin with a prayer time led by Don Pierson, TBC Prayer Specialist, at 1:30 p.m. at Eastwood Baptist Church. At 2:00 p.m. the teams will be divided into groups and given packets and directions. We need at least 65 teams to complete this project. Plan now to be a part!

## Marriage Retreat

April 27-28

Pigeon Forge

Facilitators: Pam & Steve Farris and Kristin & Jason Fincher

Cost: \$135 per couple



Limited to the first 12 couples. Reserve your space by turning in a deposit of \$75 ASAP. Balance due April 15.

## Easter Lilies Decorate the Sanctuary On Sunday, April 8

It is time to order lilies to place in the sanctuary during the Easter season. The deadline to order is **Monday, April 2**. The cost is \$8.50. To place your order, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate.

Number of lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of person ordering: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



## VBS Workers Needed

Put your Game Day hat on and join the Vacation Bible School team June 18-22. Workers are needed for all areas. If you would like to join the team, contact Deborah Austin Ervin, Lou Ann Herberman or Ann Hertzfeldt.

## VBS T-shirt Order

It's time to order your VBS t-shirt. Cost is \$9.25 for children's shirts (sizes XS-L), \$9.50 for adult shirts up to XL, \$12.25 for XXL, and \$12.75 for XXXL. Caps are also available for \$10. **Payment must accompany order.** The deadline to order is April 15. Call the church office to order.

## Softball Signups

Sign up now in the Family Life Center for co-ed and men's league softball. There is a \$5 player fee for the co-ed league and a \$7 player fee for the men's league. For more information, call the church office at 526-7108.

## Deacon Sponsored Churchwide Breakfast

Easter Sunday, April 8

7:00-9:00 A.M.

Call the church office at 526-7108 to sign up.