

First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

The Hispanic Church Río Vivo takes over streets

By Alain Edel

Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministry

In the spirit of Easter, a Hispanic team from Río Vivo Primera Iglesia Bautista took over the streets of East Spring and Walnut Avenue on Saturday, April 7. On a very cold, windy day, we shared the good news that "Easter is Jesus."



A member of the Hispanic team (above) from Río Vivo hands a passenger a packet on Saturday, April 7.

We built signs with evangelistic messages in English and Spanish. We handed a little bag with Bro. Randy's Easter sermon and a tract, *The Way to God* from the World Mission Press, to people who were driving by. Four hundred and ninety anglo people received bags and 100 Hispanics got the same message in Spanish.

Some people rejected the message, and some people accepted. But the message of salvation was given out, even through the signs that were built for that day. It was fun and for the Lord's glory!

We know that His word never comes back void! And every act to share His word has value for His kingdom and blesses our lives.

Pastor's Heart

Our celebration of Easter was greatly blessed. Certainly the attendance at both services was excellent, but beyond that to have four professions of faith, a baptism, and a new member by letter made the day glorious. The music was superb, the drama reinforced the message of the day, and I believe the Lord was glorified in our worship. It was a wonderful Easter at First Baptist Cookeville.

For believers, it is important to remember that every Sunday is the Lord's Day and a celebration of the resurrection. We meet in worship on Sunday because He rose on the first day of the week. Therefore, prepare your heart for Easter each week and let every Sunday carry the importance of Easter worship in your heart.

One of the exciting events of this past week was the participation of the Hispanic congregation in outreach. Alain led the group to stand on the corner of Spring and Walnut on Saturday handing out tracts and inviting people to Easter Services. They were even able to share with four different policemen who stopped to find out what was going on.

Now we are in full swing, moving toward our time of revival. Are you praying and seeking the Lord to do a work in your life? That is where revival begins. Then pray for the lost, your friends and family. Commit to being present in the services that first week of May. Simply by being in attendance you add to the spirit of revival.

Pray for the weather, the preacher, the music, and our community as we head toward those days. We all hope for revival, wish for revival, now let's work toward revival. You really do make a difference and your commitment means everything.

See you in worship.

In His Love,

Pastor Randy

DISASTER RELIEF TRIP



The Disaster Relief team of (from left to right) Gordon Vasseur, Byron Epps, Wade Raines, Ted Jernigan, Joe Sharpe, and James Medley spent a week working in Bay St Louis, MS in March. Join us tonight as Wade Raines shares a testimony about the trip.

Associational VBS training offered Monday & Tuesday

By Ann Hertzfeldt

Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries

Get ready for *Game Day* with Vacation Bible School training.

On Monday and Tuesday First Baptist will host the Stone Association Vacation Bible School training from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The same program



Lou Ann Herberman and Deborah Austin-Ervin, VBS co-directors, and Ann Hertzfeldt, Director of Preschool and Children's Ministries, make plans for the upcoming Associational VBS training.

Where Heroes Are Made theme. Centered on Hebrews 12:1-2, *Game Day* seeks to get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field by focusing on Jesus and following God's plan for their lives.

will be offered both nights, so you will only need to attend one night.

FBC members Frank Hickman, Beth Prowse, Nanci Keyt, Sue Boyd, Linda Sharpe, Diana Gunter, Connie Hawkins, Ann Hertzfeldt, and Deborah Austin-Ervin will be presenters. You may pick up your leader books in the church office.

This will be a great time to pick up ideas for implementing the 2007 *Game Day Central*:

Crossover Algood reaches more than 1500 homes

By Steve Farris

Assistant Pastor for Outreach/Adult Education/Missions

Between 250-300 persons responded to the call for Crossover Algood Sunday, April 1. It was great to see our churches of the Stone Association come together and visit more than 1,500 homes in and around Algood.

This was the fourth such effort our church has been involved in to reach each home in the city of Cookeville as well Algood and Gainesboro. I want to say thank you to those who came out April 1 and to all the others who helped us to reach our goal by praying and participating in previous Crossovers. More than 10,000 homes have been touched as a result.

I want to encourage you to continue to reach out and witness to our community. Please be praying for individuals and inviting them to our revival May 6-9. There is nothing better than a personal invitation.

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, April 18
6:30 p.m.

Journey for Kids Camp



For children in 3rd-6th grade

June 25-29

Cost: \$270

Signup by April 25.

Contact Ann Hertzfeldt for more info.

Promise Keepers 2007 Nashville July 20-21

Registration is \$64 for adults and \$59 for youth before April 30.

Builders for Christ



There will be an informational meeting about this trip to Chalmette, Louisiana TODAY at 12:15 p.m. in the upstairs Chapel.

What Will You Be Remembered For?

By Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

Last month we read that our giving is to be done in secret. That kind of giving causes our Heavenly Father who sees in secret to reward us openly. If we draw attention to ourselves and to our giving, we will receive the praise of other people, but unfortunately, that praise then becomes all the reward we will receive.

But Paul describes generous giving in 2 Corinthians 9:6-14 as something that will cause other people to praise God for our generosity. They will thank Him for our obedience that causes us to give in such a manner that the gospel is shared with them.

What a difference. On the one hand, if we attract attention to ourselves and our giving, people will praise us, and that's the end of it. On the other, if we give quietly and generously, any attention that action gains will cause people to praise God for us!

The Lord Jesus described a situation like that. Mary anointed Him with a costly perfume. Some criticized her because it seemed like a waste. After all, the perfume could have been sold and the money used for the poor. Was Mary crazy or what?

One writer summed up her actions this way:

Generous giving to the Lord may be labeled fanatical by others. But Jesus labeled it "love." In fact, He was so moved by the woman's giving that he vowed "wherever the gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her."

So today, centuries later, just as Jesus said, we still remember Mary's devotion and generous giving.

What will people remember you for? Will it be for your accomplishments in life? Will it be for your talents and abilities? Will it be for your work with the poor and needy? Will it be for the ministry you have had for Christ here at First Baptist Church? Will it be for your efforts to share the gospel with people along life's way? Will it be for your generous giving?

Or stated another way, what do you *want* people to remember you for? You see, your answer to that question to a significant degree becomes a "self-fulfilling prophecy." Do you *want* to be remembered for your generous giving? Then start now where you are. . . .

B B B
Blue jean
Burger Bash
For everyone 55+
April 28
4-7 p.m.
 Cookeville Community Center
 Bring your lawn chairs and board games. Food will be provided by the church, so make reservations no later than April 22 by calling Margaret Garrett at 528-5740 or Merilyn Overstreet at 528-5323.



Parent/Child Dedication
Sunday, May 13
Morning Services

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Worship Service _____

Birth Date _____

Please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office to register your family. The deadline for registration is Tuesday, May 8.

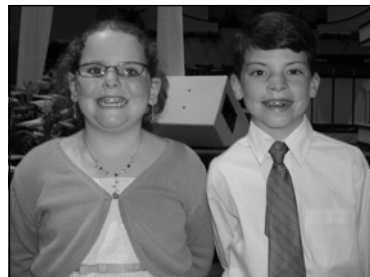
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Peyton Prowse
 936 Mt. Vernon Road
 Cookeville, TN 38501



John Herberman
 2317 Peppermint Dr.
 Cookeville, TN 38506



Brookelyn & Brandon Wright
 341 Willis Martin Road
 Cookeville, TN 38501



Ray Morris
 231 E 17th St. Apt. 7
 Cookeville, TN 38501

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Apr. 15

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
 Children's/Yth Church
 Bible Drill & Speakers
 Tournament #325
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Collegiates @ Poets

Monday, Apr. 16

8:45 A.M. He Speaks to Me #177
 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal
 7:00 P.M. Co-Ed Softball @
 Cane Creek
 Men's B-ball Outreach

Tuesday, Apr. 17

8:45 A.M. MDO
 6:00 P.M. Committee on
 Committees Mtg #175

Wednesday, Apr. 18

5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho
 Pres/Children Choir
 Youth Track Times
 ESL #145
 6:30 P.M. Quarterly Business Mtg.
 Mission Groups
 Youth Bible Study
 Sanctuary Choir
 FLC Open until 9:00
 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, Apr. 19

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.

Friday, Apr. 20

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 6:30 P.M. Deacon Retreat/FH

Saturday, Apr. 21

8:00 A.M. Deacon Retreat/FH

Sunday, April 22

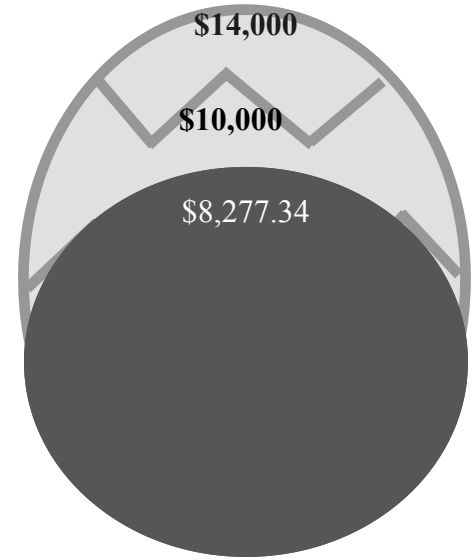
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To add prayer requests please call the church
 or visit our web page at
www.fbcookeville.org.



FBC Goal:
\$14,000

*How would the
 Lord have YOU
 to give?*



BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (04/08/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$46,232.01
Difference from Goal	+\$17,313.01
Total Designated Gifts	\$4,534.90
Total Gifts this Week	\$50,766.91
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,185,679.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,181,836.97
Difference from Goal	-\$3,842.03
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,145,834.62
Increase from Prior Year	\$36,002.35
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$86,887.33
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,519,988.79

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (04/08/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	79
Children	65
Youth	57
Adults	397
Total	603

**Our giving to God is to
 be generous.**

“...he who sows sparingly shall also
 reap sparingly; and he who sows boun-
 tifully shall also reap bountifully.”
 (2 Corinthians 9:6)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Larry Taylor - Chief Deacon
 Bronn Rayne
 Chris Wilson
 John Owens
 Jerry Joyner

7 p.m. Phone Duty: Tim Collins

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 04/18

Chicken casserole, veggie mix, salad,
 rolls, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 04/18

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

EXTENDED SESSION - 04/15

Bed Babies - Jackie Donaldson, Haley
 Sliger, Fran Hutchinson

Creepers - Neal & Melissa Marcum

Toddlers - Dennis & Judy Matheney

2's - Marcie Manzano, Jenny Holmes

3's - Rosa Aranda, Deborah Austin-Ervin

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