

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 13

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
 The Man I Want to Be
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Camera Operator Train.

Monday, May 14

8:45 A.M. He Speaks to Me
 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal
 6:00 P.M. Children's Dress Rehearsal
 Co-ed softball @ Cane Creek

Tuesday, May 15

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

Wednesday, May 16

5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho
 Pres/Children Choir
 Youth Track Times
 ESL #145
 5:30 P.M. Personnel Com. meets w/Members
 Stewardship Com. #175
 6:30 P.M. Children's Musical
 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, May 17

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.

Friday, May 18

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

Sunday, May 20

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. Graduate luncheon
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes
 Orchestra
 Youth Handbells
 Personnel Com. meets w/Members
 4:30 P.M. The Man I Want to Be
 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Fellowship

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

VBS WORKERS NEEDED



Put on your Game Day hat on and join the Vacation Bible School team June 18-22. Workers are especially needed for 3 year olds, 1st grade, 4th grade, and 5th grade. If you would like to join the team, contact Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

Happy Travelers trip to Pigeon Forge June 25-26 Cost: \$100

Attend *The Miracle* and see the Southern Gospel group *The Triumphant*. Call Brenda Boyington to sign up. Balance due at the June luncheon.

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (05/06/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$32,492.94
Difference from Goal	+\$3,573.94
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,841.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$36,333.94
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,301,355.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,298,215.29
Difference from Goal	-\$3,139.71
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,266,595.62
Increase from Prior Year	\$31,619.67
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$92,752.33
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,525,853.79

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (05/06/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	74
Children	56
Youth	48
Adults	381
Total	564

We should give to God in a spirit of joyfulness.

"...God loves a cheerful giver."
 (2 Corinthians 9:7)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Barry Clouse - Chief Deacon
 Fred Vossel
 Bob Southerlan
 Hoyt Maberry
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Donnie King

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 05/16

Ham, sweet potato patties, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 05/16

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

EXTENDED SESSION - 05/13

Bed Babies - Phyllis Stephens, Martha Powers
Creepers - Chris & Barbara Gaby
Toddlers - Tim & Tonya Hadlock
2's - Zhiqiao Wu & Lirong Liu
3's - Diana Gunter, Kristy McCloud

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

First Chronicles

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart

What a great week we had in our Old Fashioned Tent Revival. The attendance was good, with the tent almost full every night. The preaching was penetrating and attention sustaining. The music was great. It was especially good to see many guests under the tent.

Several people throughout the week indicated first time decisions for Jesus. One man told me that he had not been to church since he was a child but could not resist coming to the tent revival. He prayed to receive Christ one night during the services. Pray for him, as well as others, to follow through now with baptism and membership.


I appreciate everyone who worked diligently to make the meetings a success. The deacons were active in support. There were volunteers who put up the tent and chairs. Musicians participated with joy, and worked before and after the services to set up the needed instruments. Our Contact Ministries team worked each night to set up, present, and record the service. Greeters and crossing guards made us feel safe and welcome. The staff worked in planning and preparation for months. God was honored in our work, and I personally appreciate each one of you who helped. Thank you.

God so blessed us with His presence and gave us the grace of good weather. Yet we still did not see many come to personal decisions for Jesus. Why? Because we simply did not have great numbers of the lost in our midst each night. We must continue to work and pray for our outreach efforts. People come to church and come to Jesus because others are consistent in their invitation. Let's redouble our efforts to intentionally build relations with those around us who do not know Jesus. Ask God to help you see them, love them, and invite them to Him.

Today is *Mother's Day* and we take time to encourage and appreciate our mothers. The most important thing a mother can do before, during, and after those years when the children are at home is to develop her relationship with Jesus. As a mother matures in her walk and life, she automatically moves her family along the path of success—eternal success. It is well said, "The hand that rocks the cradle, rules the world."

See you in worship.

In His Love,
 Pastor Randy



Design for Life

A children's choir musical drama

May 16 6:30 p.m.

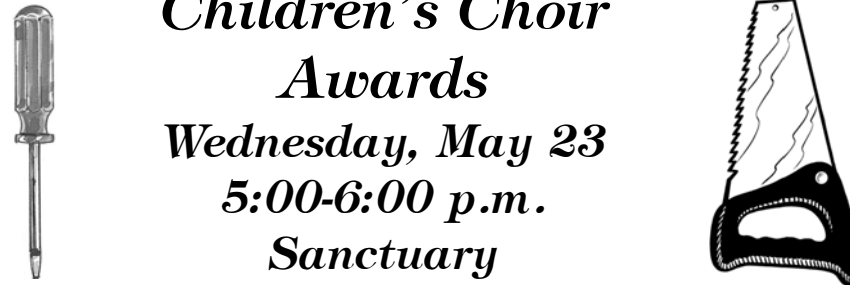
Sanctuary

This musical shows children and their families how to build a home on a foundation of faith, hope, and love.

Children's Choir Awards

Wednesday, May 23
5:00-6:00 p.m.

Sanctuary



2007 High School Graduates

Recognition Day

Sunday, May 20

- We would like to borrow 8-12 pictures of you from birth to graduation to use in a video presentation. Please turn your pictures in to Linda Venturino TODAY.
- Luncheon for graduates and family. Call 526-7108 for reservations by **May 16**. Graduate's meal is complimentary, all others are \$5.

First Baptist Church excels in Bible Drill

By Ann Hertzfeldt and Patricia Fuller

Five children and four youth participated in Bible Drill this year. John Phillip Nelms, Jacob Ramsaur, Rachel Kinser, Rebekkah Scott, and Zachary Scott took part in Children's Bible Drill. Kim Thompson served as the leader of the group. All five did an outstanding job in the Church Drill and advanced to the Associational Drill. Zachary also qualified for the Regional Drill. We appreciate the effort both the children and Kim put into Bible Drill.

Congratulations to the 2007 Youth Bible Drill Team — Courtney Hutcherson, Amanda Kinser, Angie Chen, and Phillip Alcorn. Each of these youth participated in the church, association and regional drills. We are very proud of these youth and their faithfulness to prepare for and attend Bible Drill.

What is Bible Drill?

What if every parent and child in our church could quickly find any reference in the Bible? What if they could make personal application of the verse or passage? What if parents and children worked together learning verses and their meanings? What if children and parents felt that the Bible was more than a book used at church? What if the Bible was seen as easy to use? What if you could help children love the Bible?

First Baptist uses Bible Drill to intentionally develop Bible skills in the lives of children and families. Every child who participates has the opportunity to learn Bible books, verses, Key Passages, and divisions; Bible book content; Bible people; and life application. The hope is to help children have experiences that lead to a strong personal connection with the Bible.

Youth Bible Drill- grades 7th, 8th, and 9th

While preparing for the drill, youth develop skills in using their Bibles — locating books and verses, memorizing passages, and locating passages dealing with doctrinal and ethical concerns. While preparing for Youth Bible Drill, students increase their love for the Bible, and its words and phrases become a part of them. It is a fun and easy way to develop Bible skills and memorize scripture. Just ask Courtney, Amanda, Angie or Phillip.



Angie Chen (from left), Phillip Alcorn, Amanda Kinser, and Courtney Hutcherson participated in Youth Bible Drill.

develop a good understanding of church polity and church government. The purpose of Xtreme Challenge is to ignite a fire, a desire, and a love for God's Word in the hearts of high school students. The competition aspect is provided simply to have fun with the studied and learned information.

Youth Speakers Tournament- grades 10th, 11th, and 12th

Azuares' Johnson was our speaker this year. She won second place in the Regions. During the Speakers Tournament youth are encouraged in their growth towards Christlikeness. It helps teenagers express their faith verbally, develop poise and confidence, develop the skills to articulate truth in a way that people will hear and understand, and be ready to stand for Christ in their churches, at school, in their work place, and in their communities.



John Phillip Nelms (from left), Rebekkah Scott, Zachary Scott, Rachel Kinser, and Jacob Ramsaur participated in Children's Bible Drill.

Xtreme Bible Challenge- grades 10th, 11th, and 12th

Xtreme Bible Challenge is set up like Jeopardy, teams of three people learn and work together in studying different books of the Bible. Over three years they study I Timothy, II Timothy, and Titus. The Bible study is expository in nature; it goes verse-by-verse, word-by-word. Students develop



Azuares' Johnson represented First Baptist in the 2007 Youth Speakers Tournament.

Media Ministry at First Baptist

First Baptist has a rich heritage of television outreach. Even before the advent of cable TV, the church was broadcasting its worship services throughout Putnam County. Beginning with its own broadcast channel many decades ago and continuing to grow through the proliferation of the local cable company, the media ministry of First Baptist reaches homes throughout the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee.

Viewers regularly express their appreciation for this dynamic ministry. In addition to keeping homebound members of First Baptist connected to the church community, the weekly broadcasts are an excellent means of outreach and ministry to the general public. Associate Pastor Dr. Jonathan Nelms supervises the media ministry. He comments, "I have had the privilege of leading this ministry for 13 years and every week someone comments on how much that they appreciate our television ministry. It is truly a great service to our church members, our community, and the Kingdom of God."

Media Director Rev. Mike Casey states that a crew of nine volunteers is needed for each televised worship service. He comments, "These dedicated men and women are called upon to fulfill highly technical and demanding roles in our media ministry. If they do their job well, then most people don't even know that they're here." Truly, Rev. Casey works diligently to recruit, train, and schedule an excellent slate of crew members throughout the year.

Assisted by Nelson Chancy, who chairs the Media Ministry Committee, these two men give continued attention to the personal needs of the crew members and the mechanical needs of the equipment.

Mr. Chancy will be teaching a training session tonight following the evening worship service.

All current camera operators are encouraged to attend this event, which will be held in the sanctuary. The session is also open to individuals who would like to become a camera operator. For more information, please speak with one of the media crew serving this morning. Future training events will focus on other areas of media ministry including sound reinforcement, theatrical lighting, computer projection, and video production.

First Baptist is blessed to have such a wonderful means of outreach. The media ministry is a sterling example of dedicated men and women using their unique talents to serve the Kingdom with today's technology.



Members of the Media Ministry crew

Budget Calendar

Printed copies of the 2007-2008 proposed budget are available in the Central Lobby. Review the calendar below for the upcoming budget schedule.

Date	Day of Week	Time	
May 13	Sunday	AM & PM	Copies of proposed budget to membership
May 16	Wed.	5:30 PM	Personnel Committee meets with church members
May 20	Sunday	4:00 PM	Personnel Committee meets with church members
May 21	Monday	7:00 PM	Presentation to Deacons
May 23	Wed.	6:30 PM	Discussion of proposed budget with congregation
May 27	Sunday	Services	Church vote on budget in both services if no amendments
ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE ONLY IF AMENDMENTS ARE MADE TO THE BUDGET			
May 30	Wed.	6:30 PM	Further discussion of proposed budget amendments
June 03	Sunday	Services	Church Vote on budget in both services if amendments

CHS
BACCALAUREATE
 Thursday, May 17
 6 p.m.
 Avery Trace Middle
 School Auditorium

*Amanda Miller will be giving her testimony.
 *CHS Chorus will be singing.
 *Video of seniors will be shown.
 *Special speaker Rev. Bobby Davis
 *A special gift will be given to each senior in attendance.
 *Refreshments will be served.
 *Wear your cap and gown.
 This is sponsored by area churches including FBC. Please come and support it.