

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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. Graduates Luncheon
- 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes
Orchestra
Youth Handbells
- 4:30 P.M. The Man I Want to Be
- 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, May 21

- 5:00 P.M. Harp Rehearsal
- 5:30 P.M. Deacon/Budget Mtg.
- 6:00 P.M. WOM Night Group
- 7:00 P.M. Co-ed softball @
Cane Creek

Tuesday, May 22

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 6:30 P.M. MDO Graduation-FH

Wednesday, May 23

- 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
Chi Rho
Pres/Children Choir
Awards Program
Youth Track Times
ESL #145
- 6:30 P.M. Business Mtg/Budget
Discussion
- 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, May 24

- 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.

Friday, May 25

- 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

Saturday, May 26

Sunday, May 27

- BUDGET VOTE
- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship FLC
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 6:00 P.M. FAMILY NIGHT
No Evening Activities

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

VBS WORKERS NEEDED



Don't miss out on Game Day. Join the Vacation Bible School team June 18-22. There is an urgent need for 3 year olds (1 teacher), 4th grade (1 teacher), and 5th grade (1 teacher). If you would like to join the team, contact Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (05/13/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$33,700.90
Difference from Goal	+\$4,781.90
Total Designated Gifts	\$5,848.60
Total Gifts this Week	\$39,549.50
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,330,274.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,331,916.19
Difference from Goal	+\$1,642.19
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,296,620.92
Increase from Prior Year	\$35,295.27
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$97,987.33
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,531,088.79

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (05/13/07)</i>	
General Officers	4
Preschool	62
Children	66
Youth	49
Adults	367
Total	548

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

- Lonnie Donaldson - Chief Deacon
- Larry Spain
- Nolan Goolsby
- David Netherton
- Joe Church
- 7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Ron Kinser

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 05/23

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, salad, rolls, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 05/23

- 5:00** – Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown
- 5:45** – Mr. & Mrs. Ed Griggs, Ruth Ann Southerlan

EXTENDED SESSION - 05/20

- Bed Babies** - Shelia Rich, Viviane Davis
- Creepers** - Derek & Linda Wheeler
- Toddlers** - Ted & Carolyn Jernigan
- 2's** - Patricia Mabry, Salee Adkisson
- 3's** - David & Michelle Price

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

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Congratulations to the Class of 2007

By Bill Stone

Associate Pastor of Youth/Collegiate

Today we honor our 2007 high school graduates. The church family has a great day planned to honor these special young people. During the 10:45 a.m. worship service graduates will process wearing their regalia and be seated together. Each graduate will receive a gift from the First Baptist family, and a prayer of blessing will be offered for our graduates. The Chi Rho Youth Choir will sing "We Will Be a Shelter for Each Other" and "Witness" during the service.

A luncheon will be held after the worship time for the graduates and their families in the Fellowship Hall. During this time together there will be a time of sharing, special music, and a video of each senior *Growing up in the Lord*.

Each of these young people has been a blessing to know and minister to and with through the years. Please pray for the graduates and their families during this time of transition. Pray that each student will continue to grow in Christ and to be a bold witness for Him wherever he or she goes.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Graduates, claim this verse.

May God abundantly bless the graduates, as they follow His perfect will for their life. Congratulations, graduates! We love and support you!

FBC 2007 High School Graduates:

- Stephanie Avendt, Lindsay Callahan, Daniel Coburn, Robert Cunningham, Mark Gibbons, Amber Green, Megan Hammons, Schyler Johnson, Amanda Miller, Katie Mills, Andrea Patty, Renee Rayne, Tyler Reagan, Melody Rowe, Zac Schinbeckler, Jared Smith, Jessica Strong, Kyle Timmons, Danielle Wade



Pastor's Heart

I am so thankful for heaven. God has prepared a wonderful place for us that is full of excitement, enlightenment, and adventure. This morning we are focusing upon our final destinations.

For believers, death and judgment are not things of dread, but rather doors of promise. Jesus has secured our place by His grace and we are heaven bound. Of course, neglecting Jesus means losing heaven and eternal life. So our subject this morning is glorious, but deadly serious.

This week we received the tragic news that Mike and Amy Rayson's oldest son Sam was suddenly killed in a horrible accident. Kicked by a horse in the chest, this eleven-year-old boy was suddenly ushered into heaven. His parents are fine servants of the Lord who have ministered in our church often. Many of us will remember with many tears Mike's song, "That's What Daddies Do."

Such news would be unbearable, but for heaven. This week, this news makes this message all the more wonderful and important to share.

Congratulations to our high school seniors! Today we are honoring you and your accomplishments, both in our service and in the luncheon to follow. Let this be a stepping-stone to your future successes. Remember that the only real success in life is found in living for Jesus. Continue to build your lives upon the Rock!

See you in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Bells and Chimes complete season

Handbell choirs have played an important role in the First Baptist music ministry for many years. Under capable lay leadership, these instrumental ensembles provide meaningful Sunday worship leadership for offertories, instrumental meditations, and congregational singing.

As the handbell and choir chime season comes to a close, three of these ensembles will be playing in worship today. In addition to the youth bell team, which performed in the early service last Sunday, the bell choirs that will be ringing today include the Praise Ringers, the Alpha Bells, and the Children's ChoirChimes.



A team of adult ringers carried choirchimes to Dominica for their music mission trip in March.

The most active handbell choir at First Baptist is the Praise Ringers. Under the direction of Betty Suiter, this five-octave choir participates in the annual state handbell festival and rings in worship at least once a month. Today they will be accompanying hymns and playing an offertory in the 10:45 a.m. worship service. And this evening, the Praise Ringers will join forces with the Heart Strings Harp Ensemble to play a special arrangement of "Victory in Jesus," which was written by First Baptist harp ensemble director Pat Butler.

The Alpha Bell Team began last fall. Also directed by Betty Suiter, this ensemble is open to beginning and inexperienced ringers. The Alpha ringers learn music fundamentals and basic ringing techniques. Handbell ringing requires extraordinary eye-hand coordination and the Alpha Bell Team is a great way to exercise these skills.

About 10 years ago, First Baptist purchased three octaves of choirchimes. These instruments are rung like handbells, but are much more durable and compact. Glenda Nelms directs a children's choirchime ensemble each Sunday afternoon. In addition to sharing two songs in this evening's worship service, the choirchimes will be ringing a special program at Bethesda Nursing Home this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.

This performance at Bethesda underscores the growing use of chimes and bells beyond the walls of the church building. Two months ago, a team of adult ringers carried an entire set of choirchimes to the Caribbean on a music mission trip. Wherever they ring, the chimes and bells draw people and wherever people gather the gospel can be shared.

In addition to the three ensembles previously mentioned, First Baptist is pleased to announce plans to begin a senior adult handbell/chime team in the fall. This team is tentatively scheduled to meet on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Associate Pastor/Music Jonathan Nelms and Happy Tones Director Carol Tittle are excited about adding this new dimension to the senior adult music ministry of First Baptist. Carol observes, "This will be a wonderful addition to our nursing home ministry."

Although today marks the end of handbell and choirchime season, these great ensembles will resume in August. Please watch future editions of this newsletter for announcements regarding the 2007-08 season.

Builders for Christ Meeting Tonight after the service



Old Chapel

Please bring \$50 for food for the week in Chalmette.

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

Monday, May 21
6:00 P.M.
Café Area

This will be the last meeting until August.

Journey for Kids Camp Meeting For parents & campers



Wednesday, May 23
6:00 p.m.
Conference Room

Design for Life



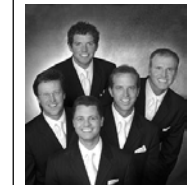
The children's choirs (below) presented the musical *Design for Life* on Wednesday night, May 16. The preschool choirs (left) joined the children's choirs for the finale. The preschool and children choir season comes to an end with an awards night this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.



Happy Travelers

trip to Pigeon Forge June 25-26

Cost: \$100

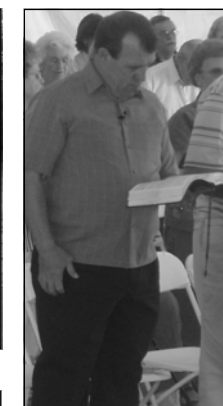


Attend *The Miracle* and see the Southern Gospel group *The Triumphant*. Cost includes motel, tickets to both shows, transportation, evening meal and breakfast, some shopping time if you like, a tour of the area and an ice cream stop on the way to Cookeville. Call Brenda Boyington to sign up. Money due at the June luncheon.

OLD FASHIONED TENT REVIVAL



Several volunteers put up the tent on Friday, May 4.



Dale Rose (above) delivered powerful messages, while Mike Bundon, the choir and orchestra (above right) led worship. The tent was almost full every night (right).

