

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 3

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship FLC
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 4:00 PM. NO Orchestra
- 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, June 4

- 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Tuesday, June 5

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Wednesday, June 6

- 1:00 P.M. FLC Open
- 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
ESL #145
- 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Youth Crosstraining
TeamKID
- 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, June 7

- 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Friday, June 8

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Saturday, June 9

- 8:00 A.M. Builder's For Christ
leave for Chalmette

Sunday, June 10

- 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. Senior Adult Lunch
- 4:00 PM. NO Orchestra
- 4:45 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 6:00 P.M. Chi Rho Choir Concert
- 7:00 P.M. YAC

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

Outreach & a Movie
Tuesday, June 12
6:30-9:00 p.m.

All youth and leaders are encouraged to make one visit to prospects for the youth family from 6:30-7:15 and then bring them back to watch a movie on a big screen in the FLC.

Highland 50+ Dinner Club
Christian based group
June 8

Mamma Rosa's (200 Lowe Ave.)
6:00-9:00 p.m.

Reservations required by noon on June 8. Call Bobby Moser at 432-0455 for reservations.

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (05/27/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,919.00
Budget Gifts this Week	\$12,037.26
Difference from Goal	-\$16,881.74
Total Designated Gifts	\$28,874.16
Total Gifts this Week	\$40,911.42
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,388,112.00
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,367,948.22
Difference from Goal	-\$20,163.78
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,325,879.84
Increase from Prior Year	\$12,757.08
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$100,080.49
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,533,181.95

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (05/27/07)</i>	
General Officers	4
Preschool	74
Children	47
Youth	21
Adults	308
Total	454

We should give as God has prospered us.

“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

Richard Newman - Chief Deacon
Don Williams
Bob Brown
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Jack Mattson

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 06/06

Potato bar, salad, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 06/06

5:00 – Lillie Cantrell, Dorothy Hawkins, Don Williams, Bonnie Rivera
5:45 – Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley, Richard Cashion

EXTENDED SESSION - 06/03

Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Louise Judd, Pat Huskins

Creepers - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

Toddlers - Chris & Tara Masters

2's - Ken Peterson, Julie Austin

3's - Marcie McMeans, Martha Head

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

First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Are You a Thermometer or a Thermostat?

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

Richard Longenecker wrote, “One of the more memorable expressions of antiquity is that of Marcus Tullius Cicero, the Roman statesman and orator, who in 63 BC lamented, ‘O tempora! O mores!’ — ‘Oh, what times! Oh, what standards!’”

Those words could be uttered with authority today. Oh, what times! Oh, what standards! More and more the defining line between the world’s system and true Christianity is becoming increasingly blurred. The differences between the forces of light and darkness are becoming more and more difficult to discern. All around us, instead of black and white, there seems to be a pallid gray tone to much of life.

This is very evident when it comes to giving. Many Christians have adopted the world’s standards and allowed them to dictate what, when and how much they should give. As a result they give when it is convenient, when they feel like it, or when they happen to have some money left over (which is very seldom). Even when God blesses them with financial prosperity, they somehow manage to spend it all on themselves in a spirit of selfishness.

The Apostle Paul gave the first-century Christians this counsel: “On the first day of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper . . .” (1 Cor. 16:2). That’s good counsel for these times. As God blesses our lives and gives us the ability to earn more and more, our giving should rise in direct proportion to His provision for us. As managers and stewards of what rightfully belongs to God, we should see a direct relationship between income and giving. As one increases the other should as well.

Larry O’Nan wrote,

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat? A thermometer only reports on the surrounding temperature. It has no ability to change its circumstances. It merely tells what currently is reality. A thermostat, on the other hand, not only reports the temperature, but also triggers action that changes circumstances. A thermostat helps to regulate its environment. The steward who is not actively or aggressively distributing time, talents and treasure is missing out on the opportunity to change his environment through changing people’s lives.

“Oh, what times! Oh, what standards!” said Cicero. But think about this: As we follow God’s instruction to give as He provides for us we can make a difference. We can be “salt and light” in our lifestyles and in our use of His resources. We can be sanctified “thermostats” and be used by God to bring about divine changes in our “times” and in our “standards.” Will you?

Pastor’s Heart

Summer is officially here. (It was soooo evident in our service attendance over the Memorial Day weekend.) Help your church stay strong over the summer. Make sure that you attend each week if at all possible.

I encourage you to take time for vacations and family. But remember; don’t let vacation and family become an excuse for breaking God’s heart. The Bible says, “Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, *not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some*, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25)

There is another way that you can help keep your church stay strong this summer. Make sure that you are part of keeping up with the church family. Each summer, it seems, someone will go missing from the fellowship, but because there are so many missing each Sunday, it is hard to know when someone has a need or is just on vacation. Check on your fellow church members. Make sure to let the office know of any needs of which you become aware. Minister to one another in these summer months.

A third way to strengthen your church this summer is through ministries and missions like Vacation Bible School. We still need volunteers (men and women) to serve in the many ministries to children this summer.

Be involved. Keep up with the *Chronicles*. Be in worship and Sunday School. Then we really will have a great summer.

See you in worship.

In His Love,

Pastor Randy



Kid's Korner

By Ann Hertzfeldt
Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries

The well being of our children is a priority with First Baptist Church. We have in place policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our children. These policies apply to all activities of the church involving children. Some of these include:

1. All teachers must be at least 18 years old, a committed Christian, and of good mental, physical and emotional health. With the exception of Extended Session workers, all workers must be a member of the church for six months or more.
2. All volunteers (and paid workers) must complete an application authorizing a background check that is signed and notarized. A notary is available in our church office. All information is kept in the strictest confidence.
3. A minimum of two adults per room are required at all times during any church activity.
4. Preschool children should be received and dismissed at the door of the classroom by the use of pagers. A pager will be issued to the adult signing the child in, and the child will be released to the adult with the pager. Children in 1st and 2nd grade should also be delivered to the classroom by a parent and picked up at the end of the activity.
5. All visitors (including parents) to the Preschool classrooms must report to the Preschool Reception Desk.
6. Preschoolers age 4-5 may attend Children's Church following Sunday School. Parents should pick their child up and take them to Children's Church.

TeamKID



Wednesdays
6:30-7:30 p.m. in FLC
4 year olds-K
1st-6th grade
Beginning June 6

Youth VBS



June 18-22
7:00-9:00 p.m.
For a complete
schedule, see the
June Corner-
stone.



Important Meeting

There will be a very important VBS Faculty meeting on **Wednesday, June 6** from **6:30-8:00 p.m.** in the **Conference Room**. Childcare is available by reservation. Call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108 for more details.

Workers

Adult workers are still needed for the Vacation Bible School team June 18-22. If you would like to join the team, contact Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

T-shirts

If you ordered a Vacation Bible School T-shirt, you can pick it up today at the Preschool Desk.

Registration

Register your children (5 years old-6th grade) for Vacation Bible School in the Central Lobby today.

Kickoff Party

Are you sports minded? Can you teach children basic sports skills? If so, we've got the perfect opportunity for you. Coaches are needed to conduct mini sports camps during the VBS Kickoff Party. Sports include basketball, football, soccer and cheer-leading. Sign up in the Central Lobby today or call the church office for more details.

SUMMER FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SCHEDULE

(Effective June 4, 2007)

	MONDAY		THURSDAY
6:00 a.m.	Early Bird Fitness	8:00-10:00 a.m.	Walking
6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Walking	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Noon Break
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Noon Break	1:00-3:00 p.m.	Children's Time
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Open Gym	(children 1st-6th grade may attend without an adult)	
	TUESDAY		FRIDAY
8:00-10:00 a.m.	Walking	6:00 a.m.	Early Bird Fitness
10:00 a.m.-12 noon	Mother's Day Out	6:00-1:00 p.m.	Walking
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Noon Break	10:00-12 noon	Mother's Day Out
1:00-3:00 p.m.	Children's Time	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Noon Break
(children 1st-6th grade may attend without an adult)		1:00-3:00 p.m.	Open Gym
	WEDNESDAY	8:30-10:00 p.m.	Chinese Bible Study
6:00 a.m.	Early Bird Fitness		SATURDAY
6:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Walking	12:00-2:00 p.m.	Birthday Party (by reservation)
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Mom and Me	2:00-4:00 p.m.	Birthday Party (by reservation)
(a time for mothers to come and play with their child/children)		4:00-6:00 p.m.	Birthday Party (by reservation)
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Noon Break	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Group Fellowship (by res.)
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Children/Youth	Children fourth grade and below, must attend with adult (age 16 or older).	
7:30-9:00 p.m.	Open Gym	**Exceptions are listed or advertised with activity.	

How to have a mountaintop marriage

Note: This is the second part of an article written by Marvin Owen, pastor of Lincoya Hills Baptist Church in Nashville, that originally appeared in Deacon Magazine.

Make Time to Have Fun Together

Enjoy life! Don't wait till the kids are grown, the next job is finished, or you're financially set. Just make time along the way for a walk in the park or a trip to the library. Browse at an arts and crafts exhibit. See a show. Take a short day trip to divert from the daily routine. You might go bowling, play tennis, or swim together. Whatever you choose to do, find something that de-stresses your life. It will



pay rich dividends in your marriage.

Nurture Your Spiritual Growth

Church service may seem to imply spiritual growth, but it doesn't. Activity is not accomplishment, and meetings do not equate to maturity. Vibrant, growing, dynamic marriages involve a husband and wife who are not only growing together, but who are growing together in the Lord. Service is most effective when it's coupled with sanctity. Read the Bible together. Pray together. Serve together when you can. Visit together. Make your walk with the Lord a mutual commitment of your marriage. Seek God's help.

Protect Yourself and Your Marriage

Be on guard against workplace romances, pornography, salacious advertisements, mid-life crises, and fantasizing. The importance of personal purity cannot be overstated. In addition to these

threats, couples often experience unresolved conflict. Past hurts can lead to a strained relationship. My grandmother once gave me a small plaque that said, "A happy marriage is the union of two good forgivers." Be a forgiver. Fight fair. Attack issues, not each other. Never go to bed angry.

Take a Long-Term View

Dream about what you'd like to see in your lives. What will your marriage be in the future? Is what you're doing now going to achieve the results you hope for? Are there changes you could make that would help? Work together to develop a common focus, to grow together just as you did when you first fell in love.

Making a mountaintop marriage is never easy, but it's always worth the effort. Those who pay the price will glorify God, bless their children, and reap the benefits.