

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Aug. 12
 8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hispanic Worship-Chapel
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 P.M. Senior Adult luncheon
 Yth Lunch/Outreach
 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
 Chimes Resume
 Orchestra Resumes
 4:30 P.M. Praise Ringers Resume
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Aug. 13
 8:00 A.M. Women's Conf. Mtg. #177
 3:30 P.M. Yth Choir Council
 Choir Room
 6:45 P.M. Regional S.S. Conf.

Tuesday, Aug. 14
 8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Aug. 15
 3:00 P.M. FLC open
 5:00 P.M. Supper line opens
 Pres. & Child. Choirs
 Chi Rho Yth. Choir
 5:30 P.M. Stewardship Com. Mtg.
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
 Child. Mission Groups
 Sanctuary Choir
 7:30 P.M. FLC open until 9:00

Thursday, Aug. 16
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

Friday, Aug. 17
 8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 6:00 P.M. Choir Commit. Dinner

Saturday, Aug. 18

Sunday, Aug. 19
 8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hispanic Worship-Chapel
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir
 Chimes
 Orchestra
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

REAL ENCOUNTER RALLY



MONDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 6:30 P.M.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 @ 6:30 P.M.
EVANGELISM TRAINING

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (08/05/07)		Sunday School Attendance	
Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62	<i>Attendance Reports (08/05/07)</i>	
Budget Gifts this Week	\$30,626.92	General Officers	5
Difference from Goal	-\$1,401.30	Preschool	75
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,584.37	Children	71
Total Gifts this Week	\$33,211.29	Youth	50
Budget Goal to Date	\$175,353.72	Adults	402
Budget Gifts to Date	\$156,228.21	Total	603
Difference from Goal	-\$19,125.51		
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$157,224.54		
Decrease from Prior Year	\$996.33		
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$11,039.30		
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,548,298.72		

We are to give to those who minister to us, with our church being a priority.
 "So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel."
 (1 Cor. 9:14)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Larry Spain - Chief Deacon
 Barry Clouse
 Neil Alcorn
 Howard Stephenson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Neil Alcorn

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 8/15

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

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 8/15

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

EXTENDED SESSION - 08/12

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

First Chronicles
Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Youth Choir Ministry continues to grow

The Chi Rho Youth Choir is having a wonderful start to the new choir season. With 46 people at rehearsal last week, Chi Rho continues to welcome new singers, particularly rising seventh graders.

This exciting choir will be singing in worship tonight. Directed by Jonathan Nelms and accompanied by Todd Arnold, the choir will appropriately be singing "How Can I Keep from Singing." Lyndsay Flatt will be singing a solo with the choir.



The Chi Rho Youth Choir is open to all youth in 7th-12th grades. The choir meets in the choir room each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for a fast-paced 60 minute rehearsal. Special plans for this choir season include a fall retreat, a winter choir festival, and a summer tour.

The first of these pillar events will be the Fall Choir Retreat November 2-4. The choir will depart First Baptist after school on Friday and travel to Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center for a lovely weekend of rehearsal, recreation, and worship.

On Sunday morning, November 4, the choir will drive up to First Baptist Church Camden in order to present a short concert in the morning worship service. After eating lunch at the church, the choir will depart for home and should arrive by 5:00 p.m. The cost of the trip is only \$55.00 and financial assistance is available.

Music Ministry Assistant position filled



James Cunningham

James Cunningham has been hired as the new music ministry assistant at First Baptist. James made a public profession of faith and was baptized at the age of nine. Although he has been active in the ministries of First Baptist for several years, he officially joined the church last month.

Under the supervision of Jonathan Nelms, the music ministry assistant works part-time to support the music, worship, and media ministries at the church. James is filling the position previously held by Kyle Fuller. James is 16 years old and is home schooled.

Pastor's Heart

As you meet today, we have already concluded our Pastor's School and had the opportunity to worship with fellow believers here. It is hard to explain the sheer joy of these believers in the midst of such overwhelming odds. It is also hard to convey to you their sense of mission in their community, their boldness, and God's evident and miraculous work here.

Of course, much of this is in response to the many fervent prayers of these people. It is not unusual for them to pray many hours of the day for revival, protection, and witness. Their personal experience with spiritual warfare is beyond the pale of what our daily experience understands. Yet they will look to us as if we are the spiritual leaders. Instead, we all have much to learn from them.

We weakly understand God's word when it states: "And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us." (Rom. 5:3-5)

They understand these principles far better as they endure patiently through daily experiences of rejection. We worry about discomfort. They embrace persecution. We worry about finances. They live thankfully for each meal of spiced rice, knowing that the next one may be more meager still. We worry about what a neighbor will think if we are too religious. They embrace the scorn of family and community to share the grace of Christ.

For so many of our fellow Christians in other parts of the world, the scriptures of suffering are not metaphors for a hard day in an air-conditioned office or the travails of modern society. Instead these words speak to real experiences of persecution.

Whether Korean Christian Missionaries caught in the crossfire of Afghanistan or brothers who suffer daily persecution in China, India, and the Mid-East, some fellow believers understand much better than we words like:

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These children need you!



These children are sad because they need a Sunday School and a Mission Friend teacher. Two teachers are needed for this Kindergarten class. Two teachers are also needed for both toddlers (18-24 months) and 3rd grade. The creepers class is also looking for a teacher. Mission Friends needs one director and one teacher. If you would like to make these children smile and help them grow to know the Lord, contact Ann Hertzfeldt.

PASTOR'S HEART

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Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, 'For Thy sake we are being put to death all day long; We were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 8:35-39)

I do not wish for persecution or travail, but I do envy the purity of faith and blessed service of my brother and sisters in these lands. Truly they have learned the truth of God's word as it instructs us to "Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2-4)

I appreciate Dr. James Porch and Dr. Frank Hickman sharing God's message with you today. I know that you will make them welcome and listen to them prayerfully. Continue to pray for us as we travel and work in new areas of outreach this week. See you next week in worship with a fresh word from the Lord's Word.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Bible Study

You're invited to join the
*Young Adult Sunday
School Class*
in Room 142

As they begin
**„Get Uncomfortable: Serve
the Poor. Stop Injustice.
Change the World/
In Jesus' Name"**

Youth Lunch &
Outreach
Sunday, Aug. 12
12:00-1:30 p.m.

Calling all youth and leaders to enjoy lunch together followed by making 1-2 visits to youth prospects. Each Sunday School class needs to be represented.

Children's Bible Drill

4th-6th grade

Sundays beginning

August 19

5:00-5:45 p.m.

Adopt a TTU student

At least 30 families are needed to participate in our "Adopt a Student" program. For details or to sign up, contact Bill Stone. Please sign up by August 19.

Nelms teaches at Music Ministry Leadership Conference

The Tennessee Baptist Convention's Music Ministry Leadership Conference was held this weekend at Brentwood Baptist. Occurring every two years, this conference drew more than 600 church musicians from across the state for two days of instruction and worship.

Associate Pastor for Music Jonathan Nelms taught the youth choir leadership classes at this year's conference. Dr. Nelms comments, "God has blessed First Baptist with an unusually strong youth choir ministry. I'm grateful for this opportunity to tell others about what God is doing and how wonderful these youth really are. I am simply blessed to stand in front of them each week."

Jonathan taught classes on youth choir administration, recruitment, and training. He also organized a music reading session and a panel discussion.

In addition to the youth choir tract, special classes were offered in all other areas of music ministry. Bethany Timmerman, Martha Head, Glenda Nelms, and Todd Arnold also attended classes in their fields of music ministry leadership. The conference is organized and directed by Paul Clark, Music and Worship Specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The National Kidney Foundation of Middle Tennessee

has a FREE health screening for you!

Saturday, August 18

10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FBC Fellowship Hall

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Madelyn Blakley
201 Rebecca Place
Cookeville, TN 38506



James McCloud
406 Albert Smith Lane
Cookeville, TN 38501



Ron & Shana, Jordan Pardue and
Taylor Huxley
4103 Kuykendall Rd.
Cookeville, TN 38501



Elijah Reagan
1164 Noel Drive
Cookeville, TN 38506



Jessie Wilson
1633 Shipley Church Rd
Cookeville, TN 38501

Happy Travelers Tuesday, Aug. 28 COOKIE JAR in Dunlap

Cost: Your meal

Please contact Sue Johnson at
372-8279 for reservations. We will
leave the church at 10:30 a.m.

Mystery Trip

October 24-26

Cost: \$200

Call Sue Johnson for reservations. A \$100 deposit is due at the September luncheon and the balance is due at the October luncheon.

Church-League Volleyball

Team rosters and fees are due Tuesday, August 29 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the FLC. **No rosters accepted before or after this time.** Leagues are available for youth, beginning, intermediate, and more experienced players. **Join the fun!**