

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, Sept. 23**

- 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. Kid's Choir Chimes  
Orchestra
- 4:30 P.M. Praise Ringers
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
Yth. Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:00 P.M. Adopt a Student  
Fellowship

**Monday, Sept. 24**

- 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

**Tuesday, Sept. 25**

- 8:45 A.M. MDO

**Wednesday, Sept. 26**

- 7:30 A.M. See You At The Pole
- 3:00 P.M. FLC open
- 5:00 P.M. Supper line opens  
Pres. & Child. Choirs  
Chi Rho Yth. Choir
- 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:30 P.M. FLC open until 9:00

**Thursday, Sept. 27**

- 9:15 A.M. CBS
- 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
- 11:30 A.M. TTU Cookout

**Friday, Sept. 28**

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- 6:00 P.M. Family Fun Night FLC

**Saturday, Sept. 29**

**Sunday, Sept. 30**

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
Yth Breakfast  
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 4:00 P.M. Kid's Choir Chimes  
Orchestra
- 4:30 P.M. Praise Ringers
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
Yth. Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:00 P.M. Clergy Appreciation  
Reception

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org).

# Clergy Appreciation Reception

Sunday, September 30  
7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

There will be baskets available for each minister if you would like to bring a card or note of encouragement or appreciation.

## BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

### Budget (09/16/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$21,266.74
Difference from Goal	-\$7,958.88
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,008.33
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,275.07
Budget Goal to Date	\$350,707.44
Budget Gifts to Date	\$300,620.10
Difference from Goal	-\$50,087.34
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$328,504.72
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$27,884.62
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$25,167.13
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,562,426.55

### Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (09/16/07)</i>	
General Officers	4
Preschool	64
Children	72
Youth	53
Adults	379
<b>Total</b>	<b>572</b>

**In evaluating our giving, we should plan for a short life.**

"So teach us to number our days, that we may present to Thee a heart of wisdom."

(Psalm 90:12)

# NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

### DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ed Griggs - Chief Deacon  
Donnie King  
Greg Steeves  
Van Sliger  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** David Netherton

### WEDNESDAY DINNER - 9/26

Chicken & dumplings, green beans, fried apples, coleslaw, cornbread, dessert

### WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 9/26

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

### EXTENDED SESSION - 09/23

**Bed Babies** - Jenny Kinser, Stephanie Beck

**Creepers** - Arleda Hunter, Janice Cole

**Toddlers** - Melissa Hill, Judy Miller

**2's** - Dennis & Judy Matheney

**3's** - Greg & Sandra Thomas



# First Chronicles

*Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family*

## Betty Suiter celebrates 30 years of handbell ministry

This fall marks the 30th consecutive year of handbell ministry for Mrs. Betty Suiter at First Baptist Church. Betty actually began ringing bells when she and Dwight first moved to Cookeville in the 1970s. After moving to Columbia, Tennessee for three years, the Suiters returned to Cookeville in 1977. Betty then began leading the handbell ministry at First Baptist and has done so ever since then.



"It is special that God would let me work in this area," Betty said. "Despite my limited musical education, he put this love for handbell ministry in my heart when I first started to ring. It has been there ever since."

At this time when many handbell ministries are floundering, Betty is leading the Praise Ringers at First Baptist to even greater levels of musicianship and ministry. This adult handbell team regularly provides worship leadership at the church and participates in special seasonal programs. The team has played for several outreach events in the community and has even taken choir chimes on an international music mission trip to Dominica.

"Betty continues to learn and grow as a handbell director," Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms said. "She stays on the forefront of new techniques and compositions. Our bell team is one of the best in the state and they bring home near perfect scores from each annual handbell festival. But more than musicianship, Betty's heart for ministry and service is what sets our group apart. She ministers to each member of the team and equips them to minister to our congregation."

In recognition of Betty's 30 years of leadership, the Praise Ringers have placed an arrangement of flowers in front of the pulpit today in honor of her. It is their desire to thank Betty for her dedication and commitment to Jesus Christ through the music ministry at First Baptist.

## Scripture Memory

Delight yourself in the Lord; and He will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord. Trust also in Him, and He will do it. And He will bring forth your righteousness as the light. And your judgment as the noonday.

(Psalms 37:4-6)

## Pastor's Heart

As I walked out of the hospital last Monday morning, a dear lady stopped me and held tightly to my arm. With tears streaming down her face she told me of the great blessing she receives each week from the broadcast of our services.

Of course, I was encouraged as she told me of the power of God's word which she receives through my preaching, but her words were more than just an encouragement, they were a reminder of the vast congregation that we have outside of our sanctuary.

Each week untold numbers tune into our broadcasts on Sunday morning and evening. In Putnam and the surrounding counties people become part of the First Baptist family each week as they listen and watch. Some have come to be baptized, having heard the gospel and prayed to receive Jesus while watching the invitation. Some simply find strength to face each day.

I appreciate your participation in those services each week. Through your giving, you make it possible for the television ministry. Others volunteer each week though our Contact Ministries Team, running the cameras, editing the broadcasts, or working the sound. These men and women are vital and I appreciate them greatly. As this encounter at the hospital reminded me, God really does use our efforts in this area of ministry.

Are you guest friendly? We talk of how important reaching our world is to God, yet at times we miss the opportunity to do the simplest of actions to reach those around us. On Sundays and Wednesdays make sure that you are guest friendly and responsive. Seek out the new faces among us and sit with them. There is nothing more repelling than being ignored in the house of God, nothing more compelling than genuine care and welcome.

See you in worship!

In His Love,  
Pastor Randy

# How Do You Live?

By Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

Although we realize that we are only here on this earth for a relatively short time, most of us avoid thinking about the inevitable. Somehow it is as though we think we'll live forever and, in a sense, that's true — we will live forever, only not here. The chapters of our memory book of life, which we write each day, are but a prelude to our life in eternity.

Therefore, it's important to consider how this impacts our use of the funds and possessions that God has given to us. As we have seen repeatedly God owns everything. He has never relinquished His title deed to the world. We are stewards who are responsible to use His resources wisely. And part of that usage includes giving to the Lord's work, particularly here at First Baptist Church.

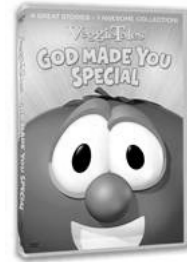
Some Christians are saving all that they can for the eventual "rainy day" to the exclusion of giving to God as they should or as God has prospered them. The only problem is that for many of them their "rainy day" never comes because their life ends much sooner than they anticipated. Then the words of an anonymous poet thunder across time and eternity:

Not, how did he die?  
But, how did he live?  
Not, what did he gain?  
But, what did he give?  
These are the merits  
To measure the worth  
Of a man as man,  
Regardless of birth.

It's true that we cannot "take it with us." It's also true that once we stand on the threshold of eternity our giving will be over. Doesn't it stand to reason that giving here and now should be a priority in our lives? Or as someone said, "You can't take your money with you, but you can send it on ahead."

It's not what you'd do with a million  
Should riches ever be your lot;  
But what are you doing at present  
With the dollar and quarter you've got?

# Family Fun Night



Friday, September 28

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

FREE

Veggie Tales movie

*God Made You Special*

Call the church office to register.

## 5th Sunday Food Drive

On September 30 we're asking every family to be a part of our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Food Drive for Helping Hands of Putnam County by bringing a bag of groceries to church. These foods will go a long way to help those who are disadvantaged, discouraged, and distressed and need to know the love of Christ and other Christians. Please place your sackful of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



A team from First Baptist participated in a Project Build with Habitat for Humanity recently. The team worked on roofing, siding, and filling in around the foundation. Pam Vasseur helped coordinate the efforts. A group from the WMU provided lunch for the team. Those who participated in the Project Build were Ted Jernigan, Gus Rich, Wade Raines, Robert Fuller, Doug Winford, Chris Vick, Bob Weatherholt, Jack Mattson, John Shaffer, Randall Ramsey, Frank Tittle, Ed Griggs, Dwight and Betty Suiter, Al Bertram, Marlin Collins, Richard Cashion, Richard Newman, Steve and Pam Farris and Luke Dalton. Funds for the project are still needed. If you can help, contact Mike Head at 526-7108.



# Adopt a Student Fellowship



Tonight @ 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

# Christmas in August

The GAs are collecting items for Christmas in August until the end of September. Printed supply lists for each missionary are available outside the Family Life Center. Place items in Christmas in August boxes throughout the church.