

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 4

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-
Chapel
Connect Class begins
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 12:00 P.M. College Lunch
- 2:00 P.M. Ser. Of Remembrance
Chapel
- 4:00 P.M. Kid's Choir Chimes
Orchestra
- 4:30 P.M. Praise Ringers
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Nov. 5

- 5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.
- 7:00 P.M. Men's B-ball Outreach
CBS Night Bible Study

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. WOM Day Group
- 4:00 P.M. Church Council Mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 7

- 10:30 A.M. Happy Travelers to
Falcon Manor

Thursday, Nov. 8

- 9:15 A.M. Happy Tones to
Standing Stone
- 9:30 A.M. CBS
- 6:30 P.M. Assoc. WMU Mtg.

Friday, Nov. 9

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

Saturday, Nov. 10

- 9:00 A.M. Upward Coach/Referee
Training #177

Sunday, Nov. 11

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-
Chapel
Connect Class
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch
Youth Lunch/Outreach
- 4:00 P.M. Kid's Choir Chimes
Orchestra
- 4:30 P.M. Praise Ringers
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To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbcookeville.org.

The Stone Association WMU
is hosting a
New CHURCH Shower

Thursday, November 8

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

For Crossroads Community Church,

a new church plant that has been started in Baxter
If you would like to share in this work, needed items include
Office supplies, Gift cards to Staples, Wal-Mart, Nursery items
See website www.baxtercrossroads.com for additional information or
call the church office at 526-7108.

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (10/28/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$15,153.00
Difference from Goal	-\$14,072.62
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,803.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$16,956.50
Budget Goal to Date	\$526,061.16
Budget Gifts to Date	\$466,135.73
Difference from Goal	-\$59,925.43
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$470,713.75
Increase from Prior Year	-\$4,578.02
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$32,876.03
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,570,135.45

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (10/28/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	63
Children	61
Youth	56
Adults	340
Total	525

As God blesses us, our response should be one of gratitude and thanksgiving.

"When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you." (Deut. 8:10)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Howard Stephenson - Chief Deacon
Tim Hammons
Bob Southerlan
Gordon Vasseur
7 p.m. Phone Duty: David Overstreet

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 11/07

Chili, salad, cake

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -11/07

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

EXTENDED SESSION - 11/04

Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Sharon King, Pat Huskins

Creepers/Toddlers - Patricia Mabry, Salee Adkisson

2's - Tim and Tonya Hadlock

3's - Mark & LouAnn Herberman

First Chronicles

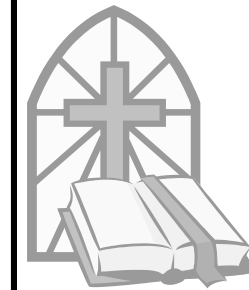
Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Service of Remembrance Today

2:00 p.m.

New Chapel

Special music by
Mike Rayson



This special service is open to all who are grieving. A reception will be held in the Café immediately following the service.

Mike Rayson to present concert tonight

Mike Rayson will share a special concert with us during tonight's evening worship service. The concert is free and open to the public so be sure to invite your family and friends.



He will also be leading the music for our annual Service of Remembrance. Mike and Amy lost their oldest son in a tragic accident ear-

lier this year. Mike will have some meaningful songs and thoughts to share.

He has sung on several occasions here at First Baptist Church. Mike was born and raised in the outback of South Australia and was the first of his family members to become a Christian. He came to know Jesus through the Kyancutta Methodist Church Sunday School at age four.

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Pastor's Heart

Wow! The Harvest Festival this year attracted what looked to be a record crowd. I appreciate Ann's hard work in bringing it together and all of the volunteers who gave of themselves before, during, and after the event. Now there are numbers of people who have been newly introduced to the First Baptist Family. Help reach them with your friendliness, thoughtfulness, and contacts.

There has been a surprising development in our service to the Tennessee Baptist Convention (the annual meeting is next week). Just before I left for Germany, I was approached by several in our convention requesting and urging that I allow my name to be nominated for President of the convention. The presidency is a one-year office with responsibilities of moderating the convention meeting and being involved in other convention meetings such as participation on the Executive Board.

I was honored by the requests but they came completely unsought, unsolicited, and totally unexpected. I approached our deacons with the request and asked them to pray with me and to give me any advice or concerns. The only feedback I have received has been encouragement to allow the nomination.

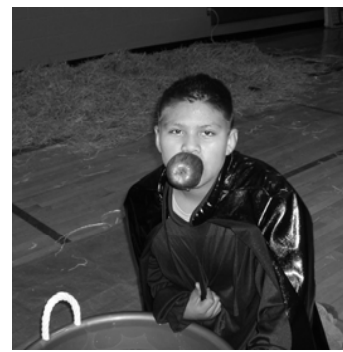
Since I have returned others from around our state have asked that I allow the nomination to move forward. One influential Tennessee Baptist recently said, "Randy, we need someone with your heart leading us at this time in our convention life."

Because of such words, at this juncture my response has been a hesitant yes to the request. Nomination in no way

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Harvest Festival

Pictures by Jacob Ramsaur and Mike Head



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Shellie Warren
60 N Ferguson Ave
Cookeville, TN 38501

Thanksgiving Meal

Thursday, Nov. 14

If you do not have a standing reservation for Wednesday night supper, please make your reservations for the Thanksgiving meal by Thursday, November 8. Reminder: Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for a children's tray, and there is **NO FAMILY MAXIMUM** for this meal.

Christmas Boxes

If you would like to do a shoe box but don't have time, you can donate money and someone will go buy the stuff and fill the box for you. Remember to enclose a check for \$7 made out to Samaritan's Purse in each box.

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)

RAYSON

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He hosted radio programs and wrote many national radio campaigns before surrendering to God's call. Mike went on to ministry with the Uniting Church of Australia. He served in a pastoral role until 2000 when he started Mike Rayson International Ministries, which partners with Compassion International.

In 2005 the Raysons relocated their ministry to Pleasant View, Tennessee. He is a regular worship leader and preacher at the Upper Room, and was also invited to minister last year in the world famous Central Methodist Meeting Hall in London, UK.

Good humor, great songs, and most importantly God's word make up Mike Rayson's ministry. Through Mike, Jesus is sure to refresh and revive your soul.

The evening service begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be broadcast on Cable Channel 7 at 7:00 p.m.

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means election to the post. That will completely depend upon the messengers to the convention.

Although I know First Baptist has always been strongly involved in missions through the convention and has encouraged our staff and members to serve denominationally, I would want you to know that if by the grace of God I am elected, my first priority of ministry would remain First Baptist and our church family. I am first and foremost your pastor above any other calling.

I have served for five years as the Chairman of the Committee on Boards of our convention, the last two as chair of that committee. This year I rotate out of that role. I was looking forward to relinquishing that responsibility of leadership. If God calls me to this further role for one year I will enter it with "fear and trembling". It will be a new step for our church's service in missions and certainly a new step for me. I know you will be praying and I thank you for that greatly.

See you in worship!
In His Love,
Pastor Randy

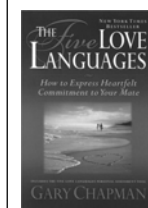
Marriage Retreat

Nov. 30-Dec. 1

Pigeon Forge

\$135 per couple

Facilitators: Pam and Steve Farris



Limited to the first 12 couples. Sign up by bringing your check to the church office or Pam Farris. Make checks payable to U.B.A. You may stay an extra night for an additional \$60.

Happy Travelers Day Trip to Falcon Manor

Tuesday, November 13

Cost: \$28

Enjoy lunch in Tennessee's Premier Victorian Mansion and participate in a mystery play. Call Sue Johnson for reservations at 372-8279.

Happy Travelers to Cumberland County Playhouse

Tuesday, December 4

Cost: \$35 includes tickets to



the play (Oliver) and lunch

Call Sue Johnson for reservations at 372-8279.