

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**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  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Youth Bible Drill #330  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

**Monday, Nov. 12**

6:00 P.M. Upward Coach/Referee  
 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

**Tuesday, Nov. 13**

8:45 A.M. MDO

**Wednesday, Nov. 14**

3:00 P.M. FLC Open  
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
 Children's Choirs  
 Chi Rho Choir  
 6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study  
 Missions  
 Children's Musical  
 FLC Open until 9:00  
 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

**Thursday, Nov. 15**

9:15 A.M. Happy Tones to  
 Gainesboro  
 9:30 A.M. CBS  
 6:30 P.M. Sanc. Choir Bonus Reh

**Friday, Nov. 16**

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
 6:00 P.M. RA/GA Lock-in  
 College Retreat  
 Dowelltown

**Saturday, Nov. 17**

College Retreat

**Sunday, Nov. 18**

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. Media Ministry Lunch  
 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

**L.I.F.E. CONFERENCE 2008**

Saturday, January 19  
 9:00 a.m.— 4 p.m.

Avery Trace Auditorium  
 Featuring: Jan Silvius &  
 Chonda Pierce

Conference cost through Nov. 18

Conference Only: (lunch not included) \$25

Conference and Lunch with Chonda: \$40

*This conference benefits the CPC & Healing Hearts Ministry.*

**BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS****Budget (11/04/07)**

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$37,681.13
Difference from Goal	-\$8,455.51
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,739.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$40,420.13
Budget Goal to Date	\$555,286.78
Budget Gifts to Date	\$503,816.86
Difference from Goal	-\$51,469.92
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$506,587.67
Increase from Prior Year	-\$2,770.81
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$34,777.03
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,572,036.45

**Sunday School Attendance**

<i>Attendance Reports (11/04/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	71
Children	61
Youth	57
Adults	390
<b>Total</b>	<b>584</b>

**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**

David Netherton - Chief Deacon  
 Larry Spain  
 Neil Alcorn  
 Joe Church  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Joe Church

**WEDNESDAY DINNER - 11/14**  
THANKSGIVING MEAL**WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -11/14**

**5:00** – Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gus Rich, Stella Dukes, Ann Hertzfeldt, Steve Farris, Barbara Clouse  
**5:45** – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Matheny, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King, Arleda Hunter, Howard Stephenson, Fran Hutchinson, Mike Head

**EXTENDED SESSION - 11/11**

**Bed Babies** - Phyllis Stephens, Martha Powers

**Creepers/Toddlers** - Mike Wilson, Mary Ann Bayless

**2's** - Aaron & Jennifer Riddick

**3's** - Kent & Linda Frisbee

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

# First Chronicles

*Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family*

**CHARLIE'S CHATS:**

## Families flood FLC for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading evaluations

**By Charlie Hutchinson**

**Associate Pastor of Family Life**

I WISH YOU HAD BEEN HERE. Our leadership team was so excited. Families lined up in our hallways, in the Family Life Center and sat on the bleachers as children were being evaluated for basketball and trying on cheerleader uniforms in the Fellowship Hall. A sense of excitement and expectancy was evident. And so many good volunteers were ready to "make it happen".

Our Upward leadership team of Joe Church, Brandon and Lisa Reeves, Tara Masters, and Colleen Cox worked extra hard, but the adrenaline was pumping and they had lots of good help to get Upward kicked off for 2007-2008. Evaluations were held Saturday November 3 and Monday night November 5. Two hundred thirty-eight basketball players were evaluated over those two days and 60 cheerleaders were registered. A makeup evaluation will be held Monday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center for those basketball players that couldn't make it to either of the other evaluations.

You still have an opportunity to be on the Upward team. You have an opportunity to be a prayer partner, referee, coach or give a game day devotional. Call the church office or contact one of the Upward leaders listed above and let them know you want to be on the Upward team.

**Pastor's Heart**

This week brings our wonderful church wide Thanksgiving meal and children's choir music. It all takes place on Wednesday evening.

Last Monday night our deacons elected new leadership. Jim Viar was elected as chair for 2007-2008 and Greg Steeves was elected chair-elect to serve as chair in 2008-2009. Both of the men have served before in an excellent manner. I am thankful for them and I want you to join me in prayer for them in these days.

This afternoon I will travel to Kingsport, TN for the annual Tennessee Baptist Convention. I so appreciate your prayers for me during this convention. With this convention, I will close out my service as chair of the Committee on Boards. Our committee will have meetings on Monday morning followed by presentations to the convention on Tuesday and Wednesday. Pray for God's will to be done in a Christ-like manner in those meetings.

On Tuesday afternoon I will be nominated as President of the convention. I cherish your prayers for me and this election. Again, not that I would win the election, but that God's will would be clearly revealed in it and that the outcome would be His perfect will.

This morning we travel to the mountain top with Jesus. There are great blessings there and some warnings too. Come, let's encounter Jesus.

See you in worship!

In His Love,  
 Pastor Randy

**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)

# First thanks, then giving

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you. . . .But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth. . . .” (Deut. 8:10, 18).

The Bible repeatedly says that we are to “bless the Lord,” but what does that mean? Whatever else it might mean, it entails having a thankful heart for all that God has done for us. It’s easy to go to an extreme and to emphasize only God’s spiritual blessings to the exclusion of His temporal blessings. It’s also easy to emphasize only His material blessings and to forget His provisions for us spiritually. In reality, we are to emphasize both the material and spiritual blessings we receive from God, remembering that all that we have comes from His bountiful hand.

As we realize God’s provisions for us, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year, we literally “bless the Lord” by a lifestyle that is marked by thanksgiving for all that God has done for us. And that spirit of gratitude for past, present and future blessings causes us to want to give to the Lord from the bounty He has provided for us. As one unknown author wrote, “Thanksgiving, to be truly thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.”

Think about it: As we receive God’s blessings, we offer praise and thanksgiving to Him. And as we realize afresh that all that we have is a result of God’s goodness, our response to His faithfulness is to give back to God a portion of that which was already His. We do so, not because we have to or out of any sense of obligation or guilt. We give to the Lord because we want to do so, in response to His great love for us and in response to His goodness.

Dwight L. Moody was once reading Psalm 103. When he came to the verse, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of his benefits,” he stopped short in his inimitable way and exclaimed, “You can’t remember them all, of course, but don’t forget them all. Remember some of them!” And as you “remember some of them,” remember the sequence: First thanks, then giving.

## Sanctuary Poinsettias

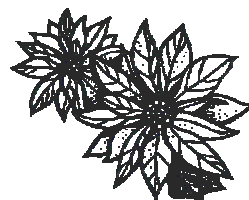
The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$7.50 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due by **Sunday, December 2**. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Please place \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s)  
In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

OR

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up the plant at church.  
(after the Christmas Eve Service)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please take the poinsettia(s) to a shut-in.



## YOUTH OUTREACH LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, NOV. 11  
12:00–1:30 P.M.

Calling all youth and leaders to meet together for lunch and then make 1 or 2 visits. Each Sunday School class needs to be represented.

## Thanksgiving Program

Wednesday, Nov. 14  
6:30 p.m.  
Sanctuary

Featuring musical presentations by all preschool and children’s choirs, children’s choir-chimes and the Chi Rho Youth Choir.



## Mission Trip pictures

We need three to four pictures from your 2007 mission trips for a slideshow presentation. Email pictures from your recent mission trips to [ccox@fbccookeville.org](mailto:ccox@fbccookeville.org) or bring them by the church office.

# Happy Travelers had wonderful time on Mystery Trip

By Ova McCulley

All you who failed to go on the Mystery Trip missed a really wonderful time. We went to Nashville, Indiana, a small resort city which on the map looks to be about halfway between the Kentucky line and Indianapolis. It has a great selection of shops, all kinds of crafts, Christmas decorations, antiques, you name it – shops in all.



We stayed in a lovely rustic inn called the Brown County Inn and enjoyed the fine accommodations and wonderful food. One of the highlights of the trip was the play we saw, a musical comedy set in the ‘50s and ‘60s. We clapped, sang along and swayed to the music because it was all familiar to us.

We had nice crisp weather, which required only a light jacket, and lots of sunshine. Charlie will be hard pressed to come up with another mystery trip that tops this year’s.

## YOUTH ON MISSION



The Youth on Mission group, led by Nanci Keyt, took supper to the Cookeville Rescue Mission on Wednesday, November 7. The group included Josh Caudle, Braden Wade, Stephanie Sutton, and (not pictured) Andrew Parris. The Youth on Mission take, serve, and eat a meal with the residents of the Rescue Mission on the first Wednesday of each month.

## Children’s Bible Drill

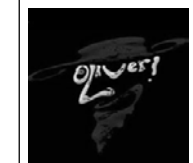
What could be more rewarding than helping the children in our church learn about the Bible? We need leaders for our Children’s Bible Drill for grades 1-3.



They meet on Sunday afternoon from 5:00-5:45. The curriculum is fun, hands on learning, guiding children to locate, learn and apply scripture to life. See Ann Hertzfeldt or Greg Steeves if you could help out.

## Happy TRAVELERS Trip

We will see the play *Oliver* at the Cumberland Playhouse on the morning of **December 4**. This is the classic Dickens tale of Oliver Twist, the orphan boy whose life journey takes him from the harsh orphanage to the rough and tumble life of a gang of young London pickpockets always wondering where he might find a real home and family. We will have breakfast at Ryan’s in Crossville. The cost, including breakfast, is **\$30.00**. Contact Sue Johnson at 372-8279 for reservations. Reservations due by November 21. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m.



## Christmas Boxes Goal: 500 boxes

We’ve collected about 400 boxes. Boxes must be turned in this week. Remember to enclose a check for \$7 made out to Samaritan’s Purse in each box.