

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 2

- 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. Last Praise Ringers until Jan. 6
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Yth. Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:00 P.M. Youth Leaders Mtg.

Monday, Dec. 3

- 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study
Deacon's Mtg.

Tuesday, Dec. 4

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. WOM Day Group
Happy Travelers to Crossville

Wednesday, Dec. 5

- 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
- 5:00 P.M. Chi Choir
Children's Choirs
- 6:30 P.M. Yth Bible Study
Missions Groups
Prayer Meeting
- 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Dec. 6

- 9:30 A.M. CBS
- 9:45 A.M. Happy Tones to Cedar Hills
- 6:30 P.M. Musical Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 7

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- 6:30 P.M. Musical Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 8

- 6:00 P.M. Parent's Night Out

Sunday, Dec. 9

- 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 Lunch
- 4:00 P.M. Kid's Choir Chimes Orchestra
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Yth. Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical
- 7:00 P.M. Tasting Party

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 **Monday, December 3**. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

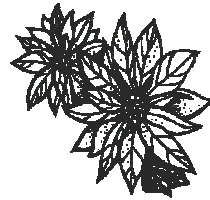
Your Name _____

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.



BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (11/25/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$30,527.57
Difference from Goal	+\$1,301.95
Total Designated Gifts	\$970.41
Total Gifts this Week	\$31,497.98
Budget Goal to Date	\$642,963.64
Budget Gifts to Date	\$582,224.56
Difference from Goal	-\$60,739.08
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$610,712.54
Decrease from Prior Year	\$28,487.98
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$58,232.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,595,491.86

Sunday School Attendance

Attendance Reports (11/25/07)

General Officers	5
Preschool	57
Children	52
Youth	50
Adults	315
Total	479

We are managers and stewards of what has been entrusted to us by God.

"The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it."
(Psalm 24:1)

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

- Ron Kinser - Chief Deacon
- Harold Garrett
- Ted Jernigan
- Chris Wilson
- 7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Neil Alcorn

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 12/05

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

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -12/05

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

EXTENDED SESSION - 12/02

Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Pat Huskins, Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Paul & Anya Bruner

2's - Chris & Tara Masters

3's - Ken Peterson, Julie Austin

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

First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

A cup of hot chocolate in Jesus' name

By Charlie Hutchinson

Associate Pastor of Family Life

The 55+ Ministry Team under Brenda Boyington's leadership was busy Tuesday night, November 27. The "E" Team served a meal at the Rescue Mission while another team coordinated serving hot chocolate at the Cookeville Christmas Parade.

Also included in giving a cup of hot chocolate in Jesus' name at the parade were youth and college students as well as the Young Adult Sunday School Class. More than 800 cups of hot chocolate were served along with a card from First Baptist Church.

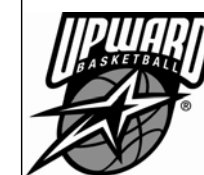


Brenda Boyington (above right) and the 55+ Ministry Team worked with the Young Adult Sunday School Class and youth and college students to hand out hot chocolate and a postcard from First Baptist at the Christmas Parade on Tuesday.



Wanted!

This is an opportunity for you to mentor young children through **UPWARD BASKETBALL**



You'll spend two hours a week for 10 weeks coaching basketball, sharing memory verses, and most important the love of Christ with children. Everything is provided.

All we need is YOU!

Nelms Notes

Advent begins today and continues until Christmas. The word "advent" is from a Latin word meaning "arrival" or "coming." It is a time for us to focus on the coming of Jesus Christ. Although the season of Advent is not mentioned in the Bible, this special time encourages Christians to focus on scripture and particularly the prophecies related to Jesus. During Advent we will remember how the birth of Jesus fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament and we will be reminded that he is coming again. In the midst of this, we will retell how he was born as a babe in Bethlehem. We will see how Christ is revealed in the past, the present, and the future.

The Christian church has observed Advent since the sixth century. Today the celebration encompasses the four Sundays prior to Christmas. The traditional themes of these Sundays are hope, love, joy, and peace. Like many families, Glenda and I lead our boys in a short time of worship at home each night during Advent. We read a passage from the Bible, sing a carol, light a candle, and pray together. Over the years this family tradition has helped us to focus on the birth of Jesus during this season. It helps us to think less about the consumerism of the holidays and more about seeking the Lord.

Our services today will have a strong Advent emphasis. However, the Christmas music begins in earnest next week. You will enjoy the glorious sounds of the season throughout the weeks to come. Be sure to attend the Christmas program next Sunday evening. The adult and youth choirs, orchestra, handbells, and harp ensemble are coming together for a tremendous service of worship through music. And, of course, the annual Christmas tasting party will follow. This will be a great night to invite your friends and neighbors. Don't miss it! A full schedule of Christmas musical presentations is printed in this newsletter.

Jesus has come and he is coming again. Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord rises upon you! Grace and peace,
Jonathan Nelms, Associate Pastor/Music

Collegiate Retreat – New Frontiers

By Bill Stone

Associate Pastor for Youth & Collegiate

On November 16th nineteen students and three leaders embarked on an overnight retreat to New Frontiers in Dowelltown, Tennessee. Our customized retreat was filled with team-building games and initiatives, challenging ropes courses, and an awesome swing over a mountainside high above the beautiful fall foliage.



Every retreat participant stretched themselves to conquer his/her fear of heights (40 feet off the ground) while maneuvering through various ropes and mazes. The “swing” entailed retreaters who were safely harnessed in to jump off a platform, dropping them 12 feet before swinging high across tree tops. A campfire under a brilliant star lit sky was a time of fellowship, sharing, and making smores.

Nineteen students and three leaders went to Dowelltown, Tennessee for the Collegiate Retreat November 16-17. Those who went on the retreat are (from front left) Crystal Taylor, Terry Reagan, Ashley Dodson, JoBeth Rich, Nicholas Hitchcock, (second row) Nathaniel Bristow, Danielle Wade, Melissa Marcum, Allen Kittinger, Daisha Mackzum, (third row) Chris Bright, Ben Tennant, Bill Stone, Curtis Cooper, Carol Rose, Chris Martin, (back row) Joel Robertson, Erin Nicole Legard, Ben Meade, Emily Wilson, Blake Mayo, and Neal Marcum.

JoBeth Rich jumps off the platform as Ashley Dodson awaits her turn.



Students commented that this retreat was amazing, awesome, and the best ever. They further commented that they felt closer to one another and have made life-long friends. There is excitement and enthusiasm as a spring retreat to New Frontiers is being planned.

IMB Missionaries Robert & Mindy Watson to speak in evening service

Robert and Mindy Watson, IMB missionaries, will be here tonight to share with us.

After a short-term trip with the IMB in the mid 80s, both Robert and Mindy felt a strong call to do international missions. They joined the IMB in 1989 and served as medical missionaries in Nepal.

About five years ago they visited India and felt God was asking them to take up a new task there. They have been in New Delhi for the last five years training new two-year people with the IMB, working with the Nepali of Delhi and engaging Unengaged Unreached Peoples of South Asia.

South Asia is home of 49% of the Unreached Peoples of our world and 70% of the Unengaged Unreached peoples of our world. The majority of these peoples are from a Hindu background and have lived in darkness for centuries, but God is using Southern Baptists to bring light into this darkness and the Gospel of Jesus Christ to peoples who have never heard.

Parent's Night Out

Babies-6th grade

Saturday, December 8 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Snacks, movie, play in
Family Life Center

Cost: \$7 per child with a \$20 limit for family

Registration forms available in Central Lobby, Nursery Suite, Church Office. Registration and payment due by Wednesday, December 5.

Scripture Memory

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

(2 Peter 3:9)

Parent/Child Dedication

First Baptist will have a time of Parent/Child Dedication during the 8:15 or 10:45 service on Dec. 9. Families need to be registered in order to participate in this special time of worship.

During the Parent/Child Dedication, parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate or call the church office to register your family. The registration deadline is Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Parent/Child Dedication Form

Child's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Worship Service _____

Birth Date _____

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Sunday, December 16
8:15-9:15 a.m.

Breakfast will be served. Doug Merritt from Lifeway will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Christmas Musical Presentations

December 2

AM: Praise Ringers and Sanctuary Choir
PM: Remnant Praise Band

December 9

AM: Sanctuary Choir and FBC Orchestra
PM: Christmas Musical Program and Tasting Party (see ad)

December 16

AM: Happy Tones and Praise Ringers
PM: Preschool and children's choirs;
Luminesce

December 23

AM: Sanctuary Choir with Janna Leigh Ryon, oboe and David Champion, guitar

December 24: Christmas Eve

PM: Glenda Nelms, vocalist with Janna Leigh Ryon, oboe

Deacon's Meeting

Monday, Dec. 3
5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A light meal will be served
at 5:15 p.m.

You are invited to
**In Christ
Alone**
A Festival of Christmas Music
Sunday, December 9
at 6:00 p.m.

This delightful concert of Christmas carols from around the world will feature adult and youth choirs, handbells, harps, and orchestra.

Nursery will be provided for the musical.

A Christmas Tasting Party including international foods will be held following the concert.
An offering for International missions will be received.