

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday, Dec. 10

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

Tuesday, Dec. 11

- 8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Dec. 12

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

Thursday, Dec. 13

- 9:30 A.M. CBS
- 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

Friday, Dec. 14

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
- 6:00 P.M. Yth. Progressive Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 15


- 10:00 A.M. TTU Graduation

Sunday, Dec. 16

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
SS Teacher
Appreciation Breakfast
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
- 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
- 4:00 P.M. Kid's Choir Chimes
Orchestra
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Yth. Bible Drill #330
- 5:30 P.M. Comm. on Committees
- 6:00 P.M. Child/Yth Musical

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

**Happy Birthday
Jesus Party**
For Preschool & children
Sunday, December 23
During the Sunday
School hour
Bring a gift for the
CPC (diapers,
wipes, baby
items)



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



David & Sandi Lane
220 N 4th Ave
Algood, TN 38506

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (12/02/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$30,448.02
Difference from Goal	+\$1,222.40
Total Designated Gifts	\$4,415.48
Total Gifts this Week	\$34,863.50
Budget Goal to Date	\$672,189.26
Budget Gifts to Date	\$612,672.58
Difference from Goal	-\$59,516.68
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$641,008.55
Decrease from Prior Year	\$28,335.97
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$59,988.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,597,247.86

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (12/02/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	62
Children	57
Youth	36
Adults	368
Total	528

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

Ralph Mullins - Chief Deacon
Dimas Aranda
Donnie King
Greg Steeves
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Dimas Aranda

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 12/12

Christmas Meal: Ham, sweet potato patties, green beans, ambrosia, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -12/12

5:00 – Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Matheney, Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King, Patricia Fuller
5:45 – Howard Stephenson, Fran Hutchinson, Mike Head, Bobbie Gist

EXTENDED SESSION - 12/09

Bed Babies - Chris & Mylon Simpson, Connie Hawkins

Creepers/Toddlers - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

2's - Kay Doyle, Janice Cole

3's - Tom & Bethany Timmerman



First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart

Missions and First Baptist: They were painted together in God's landscape. From our birth, First Baptist has been a missions focused church. We were the genesis for every other Baptist church in town. We directly started Stevens Street, Washington Avenue, University Heights and several other congregations. They in turn have started others, but they all found their beginning right here.

Missions was the focus from the beginning of our television ministry. I walked by a Coke-A-Cola delivery man on Thursday who recognized me from television and told the person on the other end of his cell phone, "Hey that guy who we see on TV all the time, just walked by." Television was a mission vision that is still reaching people today.

Now we are more involved in missions than ever before. International members, international mission trips, and innovative missions like *Operation Christmas Child* are constant reminders of God's use of First Baptist people in reaching the world. This year we sent teams across the United States and across the world doing personal, intentional, and effective missions.

One mission opportunity that has remained a constant at First Baptist has been the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions*. This once a year emphasis on giving has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to our full time Southern Baptist missionaries for decades.

This special Christmastime offering goes totally to support foreign missions and missionaries throughout the world. I pray that you will pray for and give generously to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions* this year. It is one of the ways you can make a genuine impact for Jesus and His Kingdom.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

You are invited to

In Christ Alone

A festival of Christmas music presented by the
Music Ministry of First Baptist Church
on
Sunday, December 9
at 6:00 p.m.

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

A Christmas tasting party featuring international foods will be held following the concert.

Nursery will be provided during the musical.
An offering for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for international missions will be received.

First Baptist volleyball teams win tournament championship

It has been a championship season for First Baptist Church's volleyball teams. The First Baptist Blue team won the BB division tournament on November 6 while the First Baptist Youth took home their tournament championship on November 29.



The First Baptist Youth volleyball team (above middle) and the First Baptist Blue team (below front) captured their respective division tournament titles recently.

Both teams had to come out of the loser's bracket to win the tournament. The FBC Blue team won its first tournament match against New Hope before falling to the Wesley Foundation. FBC once again defeated New Hope to advance to the championship where it avenged its earlier loss to Wesley Foundation.



The youth team lost its first match of the season to Miracle Mountain in its first tournament contest. The FBC youth rebounded by defeating New Hope the following week.

Then the youth made an unlikely run through the loser's bracket that saw them play four matches in the same night to capture the tournament title. Along the way FBC beat Miracle Mountain, Boiling Springs Baptist, The River, and Grace Presbyterian.

The First Baptist Blue team is headed up by Jack Mattson. Team members are Chad Ramsey, John Shaffer, Randall Ramsey, Casey Craig, Dimas Aranda, Howard Hutcherson, Billy Muffett, Chase Hicks, Kacie Hicks, Jill Shellenbach, Ron Kinser, and Debbie Ramsey.

The First Baptist Youth team is coached by Kristy McCloud and Shannan Bradley. Team members are Krissi Cox, Rebecca Emrich, Zac Beck, Austin Beck, Julianna Hickman, James Cunningham, Ivan Overstreet, Amanda Kinser, Sarah Phillips, Molly Phillips, Brittany Wright, and Tim Keyt.

Nelms Notes

Christmas program tonight: Don't miss this great service of Christmas music. The youth and adult choirs, handbell team, harp ensemble, and the orchestra are joining forces to present an exciting evening of Christmas music from many different nations.

The program will have a message of missions which will continue into the tasting party which follows the concert. The music begins at 6:00 p.m.



This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. For, indeed, he is Emmanuel, God with us.

Happy Tones singing next Sunday morning: In the midst of a busy schedule of ministry concerts at local nursing homes, the Happy Tones Senior Adult Choir will be singing in worship next Sunday morning. This special morning service will also include the Praise Ringers Adult Handbell Team.

Children's choir singing next Sunday night: All of our preschool and children's choirs will be singing in worship next Sunday night, December 16. The service will also include the Children's Choirchime Team and the Luminesce Creative Arts Team. To top it all off, Beth Prowse will present a monologue of the missionary Lottie Moon.

Advent is here and Christmas is coming. Despite the fast pace of this month, be sure to prepare your heart to focus on the coming of our Lord. Let us get our spiritual houses in order that we might be ready when he comes. Maranatha! Even so, Lord Jesus, quickly come. - Jonathan Nelms

Youth Progressive Dinner & Christmas Party

Friday, December 14
6:00-9:00 p.m.

There will be lots of delicious food, plus great fellowship and fun. Those needing a ride should meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. Those wanting to participate in a "white elephant" gift exchange should bring a gift (\$5 or less). Dress is casual. Invite a friend. Sign up by December 12.

Course	Host Home
Appetizers	Lacey Mills'
Main Course	Sallie Forrester's
Dessert	Brittany Fletcher's

TELL ME! the story of Jesus

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

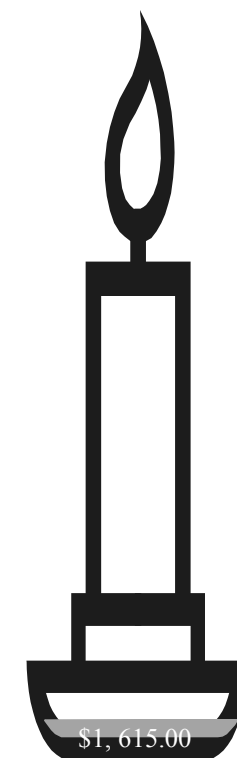
For International Missions

National Goal:

\$165 million

Church Goal:

\$36,000



\$36,000

\$30,000

\$24,000

\$18,000

\$12,000

\$6,000

\$1,615.00

Holiday Schedule

December 9
6:00 PM: *In Christ Alone*
7:00 PM: Tasting Party

December 16
6:00 PM: Preschool and children's choirs Christmas program

December 19
No children's choir or missions
5:30 PM: Chi Rho Caroling Party
6:00 PM: Kids' activities in FLC

December 23
No evening service

December 24
Church offices and FLC closed
6:00 PM: Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service

December 25
Church offices and FLC closed

December 26
No meal or activities

January 1
Church offices and FLC closed

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)