

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hispanic Worship-Chapel
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Dec. 31

1:00 P.M. FLC Opens

Tuesday, Jan. 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Wednesday, Jan. 2

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
 5:00 P.M. Child Choir Planning
 Yth Choir Min. Council
 6:00 P.M. Children FLC
 6:00 P.M. Prayer Mtg. in FH
 6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Plan.

Thursday, Jan. 3

Friday, Jan. 4

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

Saturday, Jan. 5

Upward Basketball

Sunday, Jan. 6

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. Choir Chimes
 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
 Financial Work. #175
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
 Youth Bible Drill
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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)

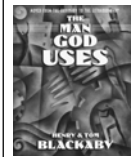
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Mike & Phillip Xing, Cindy Liu
 1150 E 10th St., Apt. E-10
 Cookeville, TN 38501

The Man God Uses

Study begins
Sunday, January 6
Room 114
9:30 a.m.



Facilitator: Chris Vick

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (12/23/07)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$39,649.09
Difference from Goal	+\$10,423.47
Total Designated Gifts	\$14,149.10
Total Gifts this Week	\$53,798.19
Budget Goal to Date	\$759,866.12
Budget Gifts to Date	\$706,886.95
Difference from Goal	-\$52,979.17
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$741,073.07
Decrease from Prior Year	\$34,186.12
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$90,646.94
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,627,906.36

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (12/23/07)</i>	
General Officers	4
Preschool	57
Children	55
Youth	44
Adults	323
Total	483

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

Chris Vick - Chief Deacon
 Harold Garrett
 Wayne Leimer
 Chris Wilson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Barry Clouse

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 01/02
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WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -1/2
5:00 – Dorothy Hawkins, Don Williams, Bonnie Rivera
5:45 – Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley

EXTENDED SESSION - 12/30

Bed Babies - Marta Sliger, Megan Trotter, Linda Venturino

Creepers/Toddlers - Greg & Ashli Johnson

2's - Neal & Jody Evans

3's - VOLUNTEERS

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

First Chronicles

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

God's work at First Baptist in 2007



Thirty-five people were baptized at FBC this year.



Eight decisions were made for Christ during the 2006-2007 Upward season. The 2007-2008 season has seen an increase in registration with 342 basketball players and cheerleaders signed up compared to 319 last year.



The Chi Rho Youth Choir has experienced great growth in 2007. Last year the choir had 40 people on the roll and averaged 31 at rehearsal. This year the number enrolled has increased to 48 with an average attendance of 38 and a high attendance of 49.



First Baptist Church members brought in 552 boxes for Operation Christmas Child and FBC collected a total of 10,177 boxes from the Upper Cumberland.



Fifteen decisions were made for Christ during Vacation Bible School in June.



The 55+ Ministry Team along with youth and college students and the Young Adult Sunday School class handed out 800 cups of hot chocolate and postcards from the church at the Christmas Parade.



Members of First Baptist were active in missions during 2007. Missionaries from First Baptist went to Bay St. Louis, Chalmette, Louisiana, Townsend, Centrifuge/M-Fuge, Dominica, Barbados, India, Brazil, Africa, and Romania. FBC also hosted a Tent Revival in the parking lot across the street. More than 230,000 decisions were made during these trips.



Pastor's Heart

Christmas rushed by as it always does. I pray that you and your family had a blessed time of joy and devotion. Now we rush toward another New Year. Today will be a good day to do some checking up on our spiritual commitments and a good day to renew our determination to follow wholly after our Lord.

On the first page of today's *Chronicles* you will find reminders of the many things that God has done in our midst in 2007. We often move so quickly from one blessing of God to another, and from one expectation to another, that we fail to realize how active God has been in our midst and how much God has allowed us to accomplish.

It is that way for me. I am so busy looking forward to the next plan, sermon, missions event, or ministry that it is easy for me to fail to rejoice and take note of what God is doing or has done. Take

time to reflect on what God has done in your life over the past year. Make sure to remember and rejoice in His work, before you move on to the New Year.

The work of the past should never become an excuse for idleness in the present. At the same time, failing to recognize and remember the blessings and work of God in the past can lead to a terrible pattern of dissatisfaction in our soul and even disunity in the body of Christ. God was often calling Israel to remember the mighty works of God. Let's remember, rejoice in, and realize what God is doing at First Baptist Church.

We have almost reached our goal of \$36,000 for our special Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. That is a great testimony of our commitment to missions around the world. Congratulations on your faithfulness.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Revision to the Snow Policy

5. If at all possible, the Family Life Center will be open 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday on "snow days." Free play policies are in effect; one guest only per person, children Kindergarten and above must be accompanied by a person 16 or older.

Reminder: ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON www.fbccookeville.org AS WELL AS THE FBC SNOW LINE (526-4685), AND, IF POSSIBLE, WILL BE BROADCAST ON WHUB RADIO (1400 AM/98.5 FM) AND CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL 7.

ONLY CANCELLATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.

5th Sunday Food Drive

Today we're asking every family to be a part of our 5th 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.



Thank you for being a part of this wonderful ministry.

Nelms Notes

Kyle Fuller Tonight: Our former music ministry assistant, Kyle Fuller, is in town for the holidays and will be playing with the Remnant Praise Band tonight. Kyle is currently a student at the Regent School of Law in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Choir Leaders and Officers to Meet, Plan, and Pray: There will be three special meetings for music ministry leaders this Wednesday, January 2. All preschool and children's choir leaders will meet at 5:00 p.m. in the Old Chapel to plan for the coming season including the spring musical. The youth choir ministry council will meet in the Choir Room at 5:00 p.m. to discuss our plans for the youth project and the summer mission tour. At 6:30 p.m., the Sanctuary Choir officers and caregroup leaders will meet in the Choir Room to strategize for their coming season. Each of these meetings will focus on scheduling, recruitment, and prayer.

Youth Choir Reunion: A couple of youth choir alumnae are spearheading an effort to hold a First Baptist youth choir reunion in the fall of 2008. We are currently collecting names and addresses of former youth choir members. If you can provide any information, please contact the church music ministry office. What a wonderful event this will be.

Men Wanted: The Sanctuary Choir needs more male singers and this is a great time to join the choir. Everyone, men and women, interested in singing with the choir is welcome to join us for rehearsal on Wednesday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m. We will have music ready for guest singers to use. Although rehearsals last only 60 minutes, many choir members find this to be a great mid-week spiritual pick-me-up. We hope to see you there.

Twelve Days of Christmas: Today is the sixth day of Christmas. The liturgical season of Christmas begins on the 25th and lasts twelve days. Did you know that the "partridge in a pear tree" is actually a reference to Jesus Christ? The whole song was written to help children learn the tenets of Christmas faith. Christmas is followed by Epiphany which begins on January 6. I'll write more about that next week. So, for now, Merry Christmas! *Jonathan Nelms*

Children's Bible Drill Needs You!

Children's Bible Drill for grades 1-3 is without a leader and the children need someone. They meet on Sunday afternoon from 5:00-5:45. There is a well prepared curriculum to follow that is fun, hands on learning. It is designed to teach children to locate, learn and apply scripture to life. See Ann Hertzfeldt or Greg Steeves if you could help out. God will bless you as you bless these children with the offering of your time.



Marriage Retreat

Featuring Dr. Gary Chapman

February 7-8

Ridgecrest, N.C.

Cost: \$229 per couple includes lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

\$25 deposit payable to FBC now. Sign up in the Church Office. See Steve or Pam Farris for more information.

Financial Workshop

3 week class begins

January 6

Conference Room

4:30 p.m.

Facilitator: Larry Spain

Limited seating. Call the church office or sign up in the Central Lobby by January 3. There is no cost but materials need to be ordered.

Mission Opportunity



We still need some willing vessels for a mission trip to Grenada March 7-14. See or call Bro. Steve Farris or Bill Stone.

TELL ME!

the story of Jesus

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

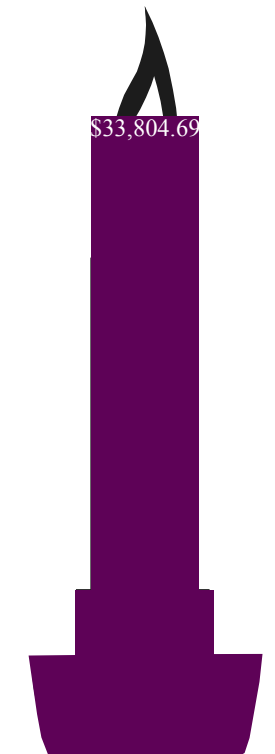
For International Missions

National Goal:

\$165 million

Church Goal:

\$36,000



WOM Day Group

The WOM Daytime Bible Study Group will not have their regular meeting in January. We will meet on January 8 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 143.