

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

**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  
 Finan. Workshop #175  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Youth Bible Drill  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

**Monday, Jan. 7**

7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

**Tuesday, Jan. 8**

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group

**Wednesday, Jan. 9**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 10**

9:30 A.M. CBS

**Friday, Jan. 11**

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

**Saturday, Jan. 12**

Upward Basketball

**Sunday, Jan. 13**

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 Luncheon  
 Yth Lunch & Outreach  
 Café  
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes  
 Orchestra  
 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells  
 Finan. Workshop #175  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Youth Bible Drill  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

George & Fran Gibson  
 P.O. Box 602  
 Gainesboro, TN 38562

## YOUTH LUNCH & OUTREACH

### SUNDAY, JAN. 13

#### 12:00-1:30 P.M.

Meet together for a great lunch in the Café area and then make 1 or 2 visits to youth. Each Sunday School class needs to be represented. You are needed!

**BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS****Budget (12/30/07)**

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$45,399.11
Difference from Goal	+\$16,173.49
Total Designated Gifts	\$13,345.44
Total Gifts this Week	\$58,744.55
Budget Goal to Date	\$789,091.74
Budget Gifts to Date	\$752,286.06
Difference from Goal	-\$36,805.68
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$790,567.29
Decrease from Prior Year	\$38,281.23
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$93,305.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,630,564.86
Lottie Moon To Date	\$41,161.03

**Sunday School Attendance**

<i>Attendance Reports (12/30/07)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	60
Children	55
Youth	44
Adults	291
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>

**Stewardship Verse**

Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him. "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (I Cor. 10:31)

**NEWS HIGHLIGHTS****DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

Jerry Joyner - Chief Deacon  
 David Overstreet  
 Mike Powers  
 Bob Lovell  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Pete Helton

**WEDNESDAY DINNER - 01/09**

Breakfast for supper: Casserole, biscuit/gravy, fruit

**WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -1/9**

**5:00** - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown  
**5:45** - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King,  
 C.W. Ramsay

**EXTENDED SESSION - 01/06**

**Bed Babies** - Fran Hutchinson, Carol Joyner, Peggy Semmes

**Creepers/Toddlers** - Mike & Tiffany Gentry

**2's** - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

**3's** - Richard & Kassandra Newman

**Mark your calendar**  
**VBS 2008**  
**July 14-18**

# First Chronicles

*Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family*

## Whose Is It?

**Mike Head**

**Associate Pastor for Administration**

When he was president of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to I Corinthians 10:31, we must make our ultimate goal to glorify God in all of life including the use of His resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: "... man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify Him by our consistent fruitbearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify Him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify Him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify Him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). Included in this last category is the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'what is right in the sight of all men.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best.

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds He has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put His money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key questions to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions He has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as His?

## Pastor's Heart

New Years is a wonderful time to reflect and begin again. Reflection is necessary to see where we have been and assess where we are in our journey with Christ. But beginning again is the wonderful blessing of God that allows us to move from our present place of grace to the glory of God's great plan for our lives.

Paul writes, "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2Cor. 3:18)

I pray that you wholly seek to grow in your relationship with the Lord this year. You may know with assurance that "it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure." (Phil. 2:13) I pray that such growth will be desired and evident in every area of your life.

Here are some books that might be used on your journey.

I highly recommend Kevin Leman's works for the family. His *How To Make Children Mind Without Losing Yours* is certainly one of the best parenting books I know. It is funny, practical, and biblical. Leman has written other good books for family growth too. *Sex Begins in the Kitchen* is a good book for couples building a relationship, especially for husbands. For wives, Leman has written the book *7 things he'll never tell you, but you should know*.

Add to that *Keeping Your Family Strong in a World Gone Wrong* and you can see that even his titles are delightful.

In the coming weeks I'll share some other resources for your journey. I pray your journey with Jesus will be better, stronger, and more delightful than ever before in 2008.

In His Love,  
 Pastor Randy

## Deacon's Meeting

Monday, January 14

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

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



4th-6th grades

June 16-20

Campbellsville, KY

Limited to 15 spots

Total cost: \$240

Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit by Friday, Jan. 25



3rd-6th grade

June 9-13

Carson Springs, TN

Limited to 10 spots

Total cost: \$258

Reserve your spot with a \$50 deposit by Friday, January 25.

### Youth Day Trip

Monday, Jan. 21

Ice skating & Opry Mills



Take advantage of a school holiday to invite an unchurched friend to join you and the youth family on a fun-filled day trip to Centennial Sportsplex in Nashville. We'll meet at FBC at 10:00 a.m. and return around 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$7 plus money for lunch and shopping. Sign-up by January 13th.

## Nelms Notes

**Music Ministry Ensembles Resume:** All of our music ministry ensembles are returning to their regular weekly rehearsal schedules this week. This is a great time to get involved in one of these groups. The current rehearsal schedule is as follows:

### Choirs:

Preschoolers: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in rooms 244 and 252.

Children: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in rooms 315 and 329.

Youth: Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room.

Sanctuary Choir (youth through senior adult): Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room.

Senior Adult Choir: Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the choir room.

### Instrumental Ensembles

ChoirChimes (grades 3-6): Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in room 252.

Adult Handbells: no positions are currently available.

Orchestra (all band and orchestral instruments): Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Luminesce** Creative Arts Ministry meets at Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. in room 406.

**Youth Choir Festival This Month:** The Chi Rho Youth Choir will be traveling to Jefferson City on January 25 and 26 for the Tennessee Baptist Youth Choir Project. This annual festival draws choirs from across Tennessee and some neighboring states. This year the Youth Project will be hosted by Carson-Newman College. Dr. Jeffery Redding will be leading the rehearsals. He is an excellent choral technician from Winter Garden, Florida. Dr. Redding worked with our youth choir in Florida last June. The cost of this event is only \$45.00. We will depart at 1:00 p.m. on Friday and return by 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Please come to youth choir rehearsal this Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for more information.

**Men Wanted:** The Sanctuary Choir resumes weekly rehearsals this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This is a great time to join the choir. All youth, adult, and senior adult singers are welcome to sing with the choir, but the Sanctuary Choir especially needs more male singers. Choir members say this is a great mid-week "pick-me-up." I hope to see you there.

- Jonathan Nelms

## Mission Opportunity

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



## Hispanic Ministry Update



Pastor Alain Edel baptized two people from Rio Vivo at Falls Creek Falls and one person from his night church was baptized at Burgess Falls in 2007.



The Hispanic Ministry saw five professions of faith through the evange-street ministry in 2007. Twenty-nine professions of faith were made at the Stevens Street Care Center and 300 Hispanic families received help there this year. Rio Vivo had an average attendance of 20 and four professions of faith were made in church during 2007.

## Marriage Retreat

Featuring Dr. Gary Chapman

February 7-8

Ridgecrest, N.C.

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

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



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For International Missions

National Goal:

\$165 million

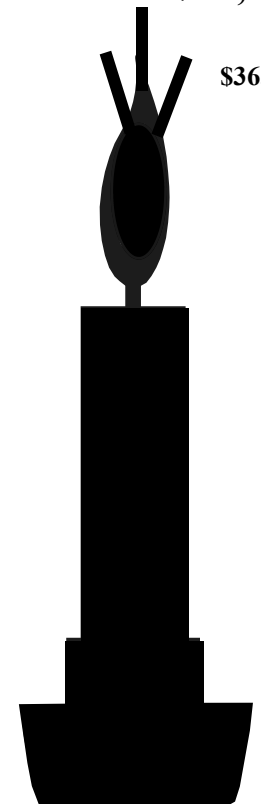
Church Goal:

\$36,000



\$41,161.03

\$36,000 Goal Exceeded



\$30,000

\$24,000

\$18,000

\$12,000

\$6,000

## 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)