

First Chronicles

Chronicling the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart

Our first GROW Wednesday night was a great success. Adults, youth, and children all participated in reaching out to our community for Christ. We had 248 participate and made 622 contacts. It was a night of food, fun, fellowship, and significance.

You know, the joy of our GROW night is that everyone can (and should) participate. If you can write, talk on the telephone, or make a visit, then you can be engaged in the Kingdom mission of God.

GROW night was a night of prayer. Every letter, visit, and phone call was preceded by a prayer to the Lord for His use of our efforts. Beyond that, those who participated are still being spurred by the Holy Spirit to pray for those they contacted.

GROW night was a caring night. Those who participated showed that they care for their God, their church, and the lost. Simple participation was all that was necessary; the results are in God's hands.

GROW is an ongoing opportunity. If you were not engaged in GROW this month, go ahead and begin your planning to be involved next month and every month after that. We're asking everyone in the church to give at least one hour a month to outreach. God gives you 720 hours a month, surely we can give one back to Him for outreach and missions.

GROW will be happening every fourth Wednesday Night from 6:30-7:30. Join us and know the joy of significant service in the Kingdom of God.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy



3rd
Annual



Upward Day &
Sports Outreach
at First Baptist Church
Sunday, February 3

- The morning service will feature a special time of recognition for Upward coaches, basketball players, cheerleaders and their families!
- Lunch will be served for all Upward participants immediately following worship. RSVP to the church office by January 29.
- Special sports outreach with worship led by our college students and the BCM at 4:00 p.m. in the chapel.



•Sunday School classes are encouraged to have Super Bowl outreaches in the evening.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

March 7-14

Grenada

Contact: Bill Stone/Steve Farris

March 8

Crossover Baxter

Contact: Rick Burnett

April 27-May 2

Disaster Relief

Chalmette, LA

Contact: Wade Raines

June 7-14

Builders for Christ

Logan, Ohio

Contact: Bob Weatherholt

Dennis Matheney

July 20-26

Senior Adults

Townsend

Contact: Brenda Boyington

July 24-Aug. 2

Medical Missions

Rio, Brazil

Contact: Jeff Robinson/TBC

September 15-26

India

Contact: Steve Farris

October (TBA)

Disaster Relief

Chalmette, LA

Contact: Wade Raines

**Last Tuesday of
each month**

Cookeville Rescue Mission

Contact: Brenda Boyington

Mission Friends needs your help

For their January mission project



Mission Friends is collecting canned soup to help feed the needy in our community. Do-

nation sacks are located throughout the church until January 30. Please drop in a can!

Happy Travelers

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Lunch at Joe's Place in
Woodbury, TN

Cost: lunch

Call Sue Johnson at 372-8279
by Feb. 4 for reservations.

Centrifuge Camp

July 7-11

Panama City Beach, FL

Total cost: \$284



Reserve your space with a \$50 deposit paid to FBC before Jan. 30. Camp includes Bible study, team-building recreation, track times, worship, fellowship and free time at the beach.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 30

6:30 p.m.

Agenda: Committee on Committees - Ministries and Committee Manual; Nominating Committee - Election of General Officers; Missions/Stewardship Committees - Care Center Proposal

Beth Moore

Study

“Stepping Up”

Study of the Psalms of Ascent

Facilitator: Lisa

Hammons

7-week study

Begins Feb. 3

4:30 p.m.

Room 177

Cost: \$13



Get to Know the IMB Our History

The Southern Baptist Convention was formed in 1845 mainly to create two mission boards — the Foreign Mission Board (now International Mission Board) and the Domestic Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). This was precipitated by controversy with northern Baptists over appointing slave owners as missionaries. The Foreign Mission Board, in Richmond, Virginia, held its first commissioning service in 1846. Since then more than twenty thousand missionaries have been appointed.

After Southern Baptists assumed support for some missionaries in China, the denomination's missionary efforts grew slowly. The Civil War and the South's agrarian economy made support difficult, and the board often was hampered by debt between 1861 and 1943. Significant growth in the board's overseas work did not occur until after World War II.

Empowered by the support of the Cooperative Program, founded in 1925, and an enlarged worldview, Southern Baptists answered the call, reaching one thousand missionaries in 1955. Under the 25-year leadership of Baker James Cauthen, global expansion continued, reaching 3,000-plus missionaries in 94 countries by 1980.

In 1976, Bold Mission Thrust was begun as a Southern Baptist effort to evangelize the world by A.D. 2000. From 1981 to 1992, Keith Parks led the IMB to adopt new, innovative strategies to reach restricted nations and unreached peoples.

The Missionary Associate Program in 1961 was created for those not qualified for career appointment. The Journeyman Program, for young college graduates, was begun in 1965 and later expanded into the International Service Corps. Also, the number of IMB volunteers soared far beyond the 1,200 who went out in 1975.

How has God used these efforts to plant with passion? In 2006 alone, IMB workers and their Baptist partners overseas reported 23,486 new churches. And 475,072 people stirred the waters of baptism overseas!

International Missions Offering

In 1918, Woman's Missionary Union named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after Lottie Moon, a missionary to China who had urged them to start it.

Since then, Southern Baptists have given nearly \$3 billion to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

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)

Ministry Opportunity

The Young Adult Sunday School class needs

help handing out hot chocolate and coffee during Upward games on Saturday, February 2. If



you can assist with this project especially during the afternoon, contact Heather Gibson at 537-2365.

Town Hall Meeting

Today

5:30 p.m.

Room 145

The Committee on Committees will be available for questions on the ministries and committees manual.

VBS Preview



Wednesday, Feb. 27

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Room 175

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan. 27

- 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. 55+ Birthday Luncheon
- 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Choir Chimes
- 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
- 5:30 P.M. Town Hall Mtg. with
Com. on Com. #145
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Jan. 28

- 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
- 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

Tuesday, Jan. 29

- 8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Jan. 30

- 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs
Youth Choir
Youth on Mission
- 6:30 P.M. Quarterly Business
Youth Bible Study
Mission Groups
Sanctuary Choir
- 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Jan. 31

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

Friday, Feb. 1

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

Saturday, Feb. 2

- Upward Basketball
- Cheer Picture Day

Sunday, Feb. 3

- 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
Orchestra
Vesper Service in
Chapel
- 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
Beth Moore Study

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Amanda Caudle
3313 Southmeade Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38506



Damen Andrews
486 Pine Ave.
Cookeville, TN 38501

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (01/20/08)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,862.93
Difference from Goal	-\$5,362.69
Total Designated Gifts	\$5,032.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$28,894.93
Budget Goal to Date	\$876,768.60
Budget Gifts to Date	\$830,898.29
Difference from Goal	-\$45,870.31
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$865,356.69
Decrease from Prior Year	\$34,458.40
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$95,446.94
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,632,706.36

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (01/20/08)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	64
Children	66
Youth	51
Adults	345
Total	531

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

Lonnie Donaldson - Chief Deacon
Bob Southerlan
Tom Little
Richard Cashion
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Ron Kinsler

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 01/30

BBQ and hotdogs, baked beans, fries, coleslaw, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -1/30

5:00 - Barbara Clouse, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Donaldson, Ann Hertzfeldt
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Burley Cannon

EXTENDED SESSION - 01/27

Bed Babies - Martha Timmons, Connie Taylor, Brenda Spain

Creepers/Toddlers - John & Wendy Apple

2's - Keith & Judy Schinbeckler

3's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

Mark your calendar
VBS 2008
July 14-18