

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 Hisp. Worship-Chapel
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 P.M. Upward Lunch
 4:00 P.M. **Vesper Service** -
 Chapel
 Orchestra
 Choir Chimes
 Adult Handbells
 4:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study
 5:00 P.M. 7-8th grade Youth-
 Kinser's
 9-12th grade Youth-
 Adkisson's

Monday, Feb. 4

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
 5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.
 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 5

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

Wednesday, Feb. 6

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

Thursday, Feb. 7

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

Friday, Feb. 8

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

Saturday, Feb. 9

Upward Basketball

Sunday, Feb. 10

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
 Yth Lunch/Outreach
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes
 Orchestra
 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
 Beth Moore Study
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
 Youth Bible Drill #330
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

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 Matheny

June 20-27

Trinidad
 Contact: Steve Farris

July 20-26

Senior Adults
 Townsend
 Contact: Brenda Boyington

July 24-Aug. 2

Medical Missions
 Rio, Brazil
 Contact: Jeff Robinson/TBC

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (01/27/08)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$30,990.94
Difference from Goal	\$1,765.32
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,722.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$32,713.44
Budget Goal to Date	\$905,994.22
Budget Gifts to Date	\$861,889.23
Difference from Goal	-\$44,104.99
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$865,356.69
Decrease from Prior Year	\$3,467.46
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$96,419.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,633,678.86

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (01/27/08)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	61
Children	63
Youth	54
Adults	370
Total	553

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 a means of exchange.
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 "But seek first His kingdom, and His
 righteousness; and all these things shall
 be added to you" (Matt. 6:33).

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Howard Stephenson - Chief Deacon
 Gordon Vasseur
 Tim Collins
 Tim Hammons
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Joe Church

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 02/06

Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans,
 Apples, Slaw, Cornbread & Dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS -2/06

5:00 - Dorothy Hawkins, Bonnie
 Rivera, Don Williams
5:45 - Melanie Hutcherson, Jenny
 Kinser, Mike Shirley

EXTENDED SESSION - 02/03
Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Sharon
 King

Creepers/Toddlers - Patricia Mabry,
 Salee Adkisson


2's - Tim & Tanya Hadlock

3's - Mark & Lou Ann Herberman

Mark your calendar
VBS 2008
July 14-18


First Chronicles

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family



Welcome
Upward
Coaches, Parents,
Basketball Players
And
Cheerleaders

TODAY is a special time of recognition for all Upward Basketball players and Cheerleaders and their families!



REMINDER: For all who have made reservations for the special Upward lunch, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall & FLC immediately following the 10:45 a.m.

Pastor's Heart

What is the mission of God's church? What is the mission of First Baptist Church? Certainly the two are to be the same.

Recently, I shared with our deacons a vision for the mission of God's church. It can be summed up in three words: Encounter, Encourage, Engage.

Three simple words to encapsulate God's mission: Encounter, Encourage, Engage. We are to bring people to an encounter with God. Much as Philip, who had been encountered by Christ then brought his brother Nathanael to encounter the Lord (John 1:45). We are to encourage them to full maturity through discipleship. Just as Jesus gathered a small group of men, walking with them toward maturity. Or as Paul instructed Timothy, we are to gather other believers and pass along the faith (2 Tim. 2:2).

We are to engage believers in the work of the Kingdom. Mature believers of Christ are engaged in Kingdom growth through missions and ministry. The Samaritan woman of John 4 was encountered by Christ, challenged to mature, and then naturally became engaged in missions when she went to tell her town about Jesus. That is the pattern of the New Testament Church.

Our deacons fully embraced the vision, a unifying vision for all of our programs, ministries, and activities. We are to be about Encountering, Encouraging, and Engaging the world for Jesus.

Beginning next week, I will be laying out this vision for the entire congregation. The church must not settle for simply "being." It must embrace "doing."

Encounter, Encourage, Engage.

In His Love,
 Pastor Randy

How Do You View Money?

Mike Head
Associate Pastor for Administration

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil. But a wrong view of money can become a problem to us.

In 1 Timothy 6:9-10, the Bible warns about the dangers of a determination to get rich: "But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith, and pierced themselves with many a pang."

When we have a consuming desire to get rich, when we are obsessed with money so that it becomes the focus of our time and attention, then we have made it the number one priority in our lives. In that spot, it replaces everything, including God. We begin to find our security in money, not in God and God alone.

However, when our view of God is right and our view of money is right, we will realize that money cannot buy security; money cannot purchase happiness; money cannot guarantee peace or joy or contentment. God alone can provide these essentials as we "... seek first His kingdom and His righteousness."

In his book, *The Gift of Giving*, Wayne Watts said this: "God always lovingly instructs us in the path that is in our best interest and which will bring us the greatest happiness in life. Therefore, and for our good, He instructs us to put Him first in all things, and this includes how we use our money."

How do you view money? Is it at the center of your life, thereby perhaps replacing God's rightful role? And equally important, are you using the money God has given to you to advance His kingdom and His righteousness?

The Upper Cumberland 2008 Women's Conference

By Patricia Butler

Wow! God is so faithful and He blesses us so much each day. The Upper Cumberland Women's Conference is evidence of that fact. The Conference was held January 19, 2008 at Avery Trace Middle School from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. The auditorium was filled with praise and worship led by Zamar, musicians who are part of the River Community Church, and whose love, joy, enthusiasm, and touch from the Lord blessed all who heard them.

The emcee, Judy Duke, not only kept the conference moving as she introduced the speakers and events of the day, but she also used humor as her unique style of introduction.

There were two main speakers: Chonda Pearce and Jan Silvius. The speakers had different topics for the conference. Jan provided practical, biblical knowledge for women and their approaches to life. On the other hand, Chonda spoke in her unique style about extremely sensitive issues of her life. She presented it in such a way that everyone laughed, yet she led the group to the foot of the cross.

Many area churches provided financial and physical support for the event. The conference served as a benefit for both the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic (CPC) and Healing Hearts. The CPC offers free services, including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and counseling, in strict confidence. Healing Hearts exists to provide help, hope and healing to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of women. The conference raised \$16,000 which will be divided equally between the two organizations.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to a vesper service led by college students in the chapel from 4:00 - 5:00 P.M. There will be praise, worship and a brief message.

In lieu of the 6:00 P.M. service Sunday School classes are encouraged to get together for a Super Bowl fellowship.

Highland 50+ Dinner Club

Tuesday, February 12
6:00 p.m.

Jackson Street Grill

Reservations required. Call Betty Bennett at 526-9405 for reservations.



Nelms Notes



Rehearsals Being Held Today. All of our regular Sunday rehearsals will be held today at 4:00 p.m. This includes orchestra, children's choirs, and adult handbells.

Chi Rho Youth Choir Singing Today. The youth choir will be singing in the morning worship today. Chi Rho took forty-seven folks to the Youth Project at Carson Newman College last weekend. The Project involved over 500 other youth singers from across the state that came together for two days of worship and rehearsal. The event culminated in the recording of a compact disc which will be available later this spring. Auditions were held for only two solos and both spots were won by members of our youth choir. Consequently, the recording will feature our very own Tim Keyt and Rebecca Emrich. Congratulations to these two talented singers. Chi Rho will be performing selections from the Youth Project in the weeks to come.

Orchestra Looking for Brass Players. The FBC Orchestra needs brass players, particularly trumpets and trombones. Some loaner instruments are available and parts are open for all band and orchestra instruments. The orchestra is open to high school and adult players. We will patiently meet you where you are musically and help you improve. Rehearsals are held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lent Begins Wednesday. As Advent precedes Christmas in the church year, so Lent precedes Easter. This forty-day period of Christian devotion begins on Ash Wednesday and is observed by believers around the world. Although the word "lent" simply means "spring," the liturgical season of Lent has been observed since the Early Church. Personally, I have found these forty days to be a great opportunity for me to focus on deepening my walk with the Lord through prayer and periodic fasting. Although many Christians primarily think of "giving something up" for Lent, I like to consider what I can "take on." Consider using a prayer guide or other devotional material during this season. Consistent dedication to personal worship will heighten your celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Any additional time that you can spend reading the Bible, praying, and worshiping the Lord in private will help you to grow spiritually. If you want more information, please let me know.

- Jonathan Nelms

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Elenore Buckhalter
3125 Demaur Lane
Baxter, TN 38544



Allen Kittinger
40 E. 1st St.
Cookeville, TN 38501

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

For **Median Adults**
Beginning February 17
Meet in the FLC

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.

Please Return Books!

The Family Resource Rack in the lobby has been depleted. Glad you are reading books; please return them so others may read them.



VBS Preview



Wednesday,

Feb. 27

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Room 175

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)