

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb. 10

- 8:15 A.M. First Worship
- 8:30 A.M. Grenada Team Mtg.
- 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. Orchestra
Choir Chimes
- 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Feb. 11

- 4:00 P.M. Church Council
- 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
- 7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

Tuesday, Feb. 12

- 8:45 A.M. MDO
- 10:00 A.M. Happy Travelers to
Woodbury

Wednesday, Feb. 13

- 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
- 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Feb. 14

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

Friday, Feb. 15

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

Saturday, Feb. 16

- Upward Basketball

Sunday, Feb. 17

- 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
- 4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
- 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
- 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- 7:00 P.M. Yth Choir Min. Council

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

Disaster Relief Training



March 8
Belle Aire Baptist
Murfreesboro
Pre-Registration deadline is Feb. 14.

Please join us on
Tuesday, Feb. 12
at IHOP

for Free Pancakes
When you make a donation to the
Crisis Pregnancy Center



Donations of cash, checks, diapers and wipes can be made at IHOP on February 12 and they will give you a stack of free pancakes. No purchase necessary!

BUDGET & ATTENDANCE REPORTS

Budget (02/03/08)

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$37,178.65
Difference from Goal	\$7,953.03
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,453.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$40,631.65
Budget Goal to Date	\$935,219.84
Budget Gifts to Date	\$899,067.88
Difference from Goal	-\$36,151.96
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$910,383.00
Decrease from Prior Year	\$11,315.12
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$97,166.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,634,425.86

Sunday School Attendance

<i>Attendance Reports (02/03/08)</i>	
General Officers	5
Preschool	61
Children	80
Youth	59
Adults	396
Total	601

Money is a neutral commodity, a means of exchange. It is neither inherently good nor evil.

"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

David Netherton - Chief Deacon
Fred Vossel
Donnie King
Joe Church
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Mike Powers

WEDNESDAY DINNER - 02/13

VALENTINES: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, dessert

WEDNESDAY VOLUNTEERS - 2/13

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Gus Rich
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King, Mr. C.W. Ramsay or Fran & Charlie Hutchinson

EXTENDED SESSION - 02/10

Bed Babies - Phyllis Stephens, Martha Powers

Creepers/Toddlers - Cathy McCall, Mary Ann Bayless

2's - Aaron & Jennifer Riddick

3's - Mark & Lou Ann Herberman

Mark your calendar
VBS 2008
July 14-18

First Chronicles

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Many lives touched through Upward

It was a special weekend for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading at First Baptist Church culminating with the recognition of all players, cheerleaders, parents, coaches and leaders at Upward Day.

The sanctuary was packed for this special time of recognition on Sunday.

Along with participation in worship, approximately 400 children and adults stayed and enjoyed lunch in the Fellowship Hall and Family Life Center where *Luminesce*, led by Shannan Bradley, presented a puppet show.

Each player and cheerleader who attended either Sunday School or worship received a special packet that included a coupon, pencil, bulletin and a flyer for Vacation Bible School.

Upward touches many lives - both children and adults.

"Upward Day was great!," Associate Pastor of Family Life Charlie Hutchinson said. "Thank you, church family for your support of the program."

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading is only a program. Still, by using a basketball or a pom pom many lives are impacted for the Kingdom and many seeds of the love of Christ are planted.

The Young Adult Sunday School class, led by Heather Gibson, helped make Saturday a special day for Upward parents, players, and their siblings. The group coordinated a project to hand out hot chocolate and coffee all day at Upward games. Several volunteers showed up to help with this project and about 500 cups of hot chocolate and coffee were distributed.

Sharon Smith, Heather Gibson, Kim Groves and Colleen Cox used the Evangecube and the Upward Gospel tool to present the plan of salvation to the crowd during halftime. Pray that the seeds that have been planted through Upward will take root and by the power of the Holy Spirit bear fruit.



Luminesce entertained Upward players, cheerleaders, and their parents with a puppet show in the gym on Upward Day.



Dana Hickey and Barbara Walton were some of the volunteers who handed out hot chocolate and coffee to Upward parents, players and their siblings on Saturday.

Pastor's Heart

I do not believe that God ever meant for His church to be a collection of disconnected programs competing for our time and attention. Instead, God's Word describes the church as a people reaching, disciple making, Christ directed army.

Church is to be a place of growth, where every bit of energy is focused upon doing God's will. It is to be a place where people are encountered by God, His Word, His promises, and His convicting power. But God's church is more than a place, it is the sum total of God's people. It's you and me, the body of Christ. We are the church.

Today I will begin a series of messages describing God's plan for His church, our church family. The scriptures will be familiar and the descriptions will be simple. I pray the vision will be unifying, in the sense of creating a central focus for everything we do as the Body of Christ.

Our staff has prayed about and discussed such a simple vision for some-time. We have put our heads together to find a way to describe it effectively. I have presented this vision to our deacons and received unanimous affirmation of its principles.

This is not a program but a vision and a direction. It is a goal and objective. It is the mission of our church expressed in a few simple terms. This is an expression of John 3:16 and Matthew 28:18-19 rolled into three simple words: **Encounter, Encourage, Engage.**

I pray you will join me in this series of messages designed to move our church to a unifying vision of *being the church*. This is a journey to become everything God desires us to be.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Care Center Open House set for next Sunday

The Care Center, a joint ministry project of First Baptist, Stevens Street, and Washington Avenue Baptist Churches, will hold an open house and dedication service on Sunday, February 17. The open house will take place from 3-4 p.m. with a dedicatory prayer at 3:30 p.m.

The center is currently open three days per week and assists with food, clothing, and limited utility help. At the center, counselor volunteers meet with people requesting assistance and determine ways the Care Center can help. Volunteers share the gospel with every visitor. Other volunteers sort food that has been contributed, make boxes to be distributed, sort and put out clothes that have been donated, assist persons as they spend time in the clothes selection, and process the names and information of people assisted. Special projects during the year include: free haircuts and school supplies for children, Christmas gift service, and Thanksgiving meals. The center also holds short worship services each day of operation in order to help meet spiritual needs of people coming for assistance.

Help "kick off" this effort by taking an empty box, available in the central lobby, today and fill it up with food items to be distributed at the center. A list of specific food items needed is also available for your information. Why not take a box or two, fill them up, and bring them to the open house next Sunday? If you are unable to attend, you may bring the box back to church next week and it will be taken to the center. If the Lord leads you to become involved in the center, please contact the church office and let us know of your interest. Then you will be contacted and become engaged in a much needed place of ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Head.

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Moving Up to Gloryland: Tammy Wilson's father, Alan Atkins, is organizing a gospel music concert for Saturday, February 16. Entitled *Moving Up to Gloryland*, this will be a Gaither style event at the Palace Theatre in Crossville. Concerts will be held at 2 and 7 p.m. and the doors will open one hour before the concert.

Fifteen First Baptist singers are participating in the event.

Tickets are \$6 and are now available. They can be purchased directly from theatre in Crossville or from Tammy Wilson directly. The theatre does not take credit card orders nor mail out tickets.

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 were you are musically and help you improve. Rehearsals are held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Stephanie Sutton
522 West End Ave
Cookeville, TN 38501

MISSION FRIENDS



Mission Friends collected cans of soup to help feed the needy in our community for their January mission project. They collected 71 cans of soup and took them to Helping Hands.

More than 75 youth, students, participated in Super Bowl

By Bill Stone
Associate Pastor of Youth and Collegiates

The youth and college students participated in the 3rd Annual Super Bowl Sunday on February 3. It proved to be an inspiring and exciting day!

We kicked off the evening with a student led service in the chapel. Dr. Joe Wiles, director of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries at Tennessee Tech, brought a message, and Jonathan Squires led our music and praise.

Following the service youth and college students went to Super Bowl fellowships. More than 75 youth, students, leaders and host families participated.

FBC college students and leaders enjoyed the game, fellowship, and food in the Fellowship Hall. Youth went to two host homes. Youth in grades 7-8 enjoyed the game, fellowship and food at Amanda Kinser's home. Youth in grades 9-12 did the same but at Keith Adkisson's home.

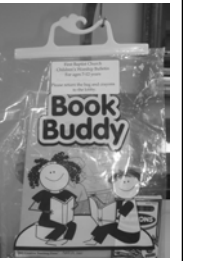
It is always good to find and provide various ways of involving people of all ages in worship, outreach, and fellowship. Be sure you are connected with a small group Bible study offered through FBC on a weekly basis! There is a place/group waiting to be enriched by your presence and participation.

Scripture Memory

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
(Romans 8:37)

Please Return Bags!

Please return the Book Buddy bags to the Central Lobby after using them on Sunday morning.



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

For Median Adults
Beginning February 17
Meet in the FLC

Church-League Volleyball

Registration for volleyball is Tuesday, February 19 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, with rosters and the \$60 team fee due. **Rosters will not be accepted before or after this time.** Games are played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Leagues are available for youth, beginning, intermediate, and more experienced players. *Join the fun!*



Happy Travelers headed to Charleston in March

By Charlie Hutchinson
Associate Pastor of Family Life

Plan to join the Happy Travelers March 24-27 for a delightful trip to Charleston, SC. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn Charleston Riverview, a unique 14-story circular high rise on the Ashley River 1.5 miles from historic downtown Charleston.



You will enjoy a motorized guided tour of Charleston, the Boone Plantation along with several meals and free time to explore downtown. The cost is \$250 per person (two in a room) which includes transportation. Sign up now by calling Sue Johnson at 372-3279 and pay at the March luncheon.