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Pastor's Heart

Wonderful! Last Sunday was a wonderful celebration of the resurrection. Well over 1000 worshipers joined together in our two worship services to encounter our resurrected Savior. I so appreciate the special effort that so

many put into the day. Our choir and musicians helped to lead worship in both services. Our deacons prepared breakfast. Extra people volunteered to serve in the nursery to take care of the baby boom.

It was a great day in the Lord. Thanks to everyone who had a part in leading and serving.

I am also encouraged by the number of people who are reporting to me a fresh encounter with God. As we focus on this primary purpose of our church and renew our individual attention to preparing our hearts and anticipating our God's voice, many are experiencing a renewed sense of God's presence. Let me encourage you to step across the *Bridge to Encounter* every week as you gather before the Lord.

This article is called "The Pastor's Heart" and your pastor's heart is weary. Today (Thursday), I conducted the tenth funeral service for one of our members in less than three months. Today was the second funeral service this week.

We have 'graduated' a great number of our people to glory in the last several years. Many were irreplaceable saints, yet God calls upon us (you and me) to be their replacements, to step up to the challenge, in the spiritual battles of the present day.

Allow the voice of the Holy Spirit to challenge you to greater service, holiness, and witness. You are God's new generation! Former saints gave themselves to God's church to build her, support her, and make her strong. Now, more and more, you are the saints on whom God is depending.

If not you, who? If not now, when? God is looking to *you* to join in G.R.O.W., to teach the children, to visit the lost and reach the community, to minister to one another. If not you, who? If not now, when?

That is the third part of our purpose: Encounter, Encourage, **ENGAGE!**

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Scripture Memory

In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.

(Romans 8:37)

Mission Opportunities

Annie Armstrong Offering
For North American Missions
Church goal for this year is \$14,000

Teacher Needed
No experience needed. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity. Person will be working with 4-5 year olds in Children's Church during 10:45 service. If you are interested, contact Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

Chalmette Mission Meeting
If you are interested in going on the trip to Chalmette, Louisiana, meet today in the Old Chapel immediately following the 10:45 service.

5th Sunday Food Drive
We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive for Helping Hands of Putnam County by bringing a bag of groceries to church today. Please place your sackful of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Dinner Theatre: Meet Me at Luigi's
April 11 or April 12
6:00 p.m. @ TTU's BCM
\$10 per person (All proceeds go to summer missions) Call 526-4282 for reservations by April 10.

Townsend Mission Meeting
IMPORTANT
Wednesday, April 16
3:30 p.m.
\$50 deposit due

Church staff

Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music*
Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Family Life*
Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*
Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*
Alain Edel, *Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2008
8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.

*If you are able, please stand as indicated.
Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in *The Baptist Hymnal*.

WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

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| Opening Response | Psalm 90:14 | Dr. Jonathan Nelms |
| Instrumental Prelude (8:15) | "O Lord Most Holy"
Carol Tittle, organist | arr. Franck |
| *Entrance Song (10:45) | "Satisfy" (Psalm 90:14) | G. Nelms |
| Welcome to Worship | | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Hymn of Testimony 533 | "He Lives" | ACKLEY |
| *Responsive Reading 9:1-2 | | Dr. Nelms |
| *Hymn of Praise 161 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" | | DIADEMATA |
| Praise Songs (10:45) | "I Will Praise You, O Lord"
"Nothing Can Separate Me from God"
Music Makers Children's Choir
Tammy Wilson, director | arr. Hall
arr. Slaughter |
| *Song of Adoration (10:45) | "I See the Lord" | Falson |
| *Pastoral Prayer | | Dr. Adkisson |
| Testimony in Song | "Psalm 19:7-10" (8:15)
Kaye Stringer | arr. Stringer |
| | "A Voice for You" (10:45)
Sanctuary Choir | arr. Kingsmore |

WE RECEIVE THE WORD

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| Sermon | "More than a Savior"
Luke 24:46-48 | Dr. Steve Farris |
| *Song of Commitment 531 | "Redeemed" | ADA |

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

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| Offertory Prayer | | Dimas Aranda (8:15) |
| Worship with Tithes and Offerings | | Tom Little (10:45) |
| Offertory Music | "Pass Me Not" (8:15)
"It Is Well with My Soul" (10:45)
Kaye Stringer, pianist | arr. Stringer
arr. Stringer |
| *Presentation of Offering | | |
| *Doxology 27 | "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" | LASST UNS ERFREUEN |
| Sharing Spiritual Decisions | | |

WE DEPART TO SERVE

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| *Statements of Affirmation | | |
| *Departing Song 407 | "Because He Lives" | chorus only |
| *Postlude | | Instrumentalists |
| <i>The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Allison Tittle given by Frank and Carol Tittle and family.</i> | | |

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

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| Welcome | | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Hymn of Mission 586 | "We've a Story to Tell" | MESSAGE |
| Missions Testimonies | | Dr. Steve Farris |
| Hymn of Mission 585 | "Tell It Out with Gladness" | HVMN TO JOY |
| Mission Testimonies | | |
| Invitation | | Dr. Farris |
| *Hymn of Commitment 573 | "Set My Soul Afire" | SCALES |
| *Offertory Prayer | | Van Slinger |
| Offertory Music | "We Have Heard the Joyful Sound"
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist | JESUS SAVES |
| Sharing Spiritual Decisions | | |
| Benediction | | Dr. Adkisson |

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

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

Wednesday Dinner - 04/02

Breakfast casserole, biscuits & gravy, grits, fruit

Wednesday Volunteers - 04/02

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Taylor, Don Williams, Bonnie Rivera
5:45 - Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley

Extended Session - 03/30

Bed Babies - Linda Venturino, Megan Trotter

Creepers/Toddlers - Chris & Mylon Simpson

2's - Chris & Tara Masters

3's - Melinda Allen, Debbie Ramsey

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$26,439.59
Difference from Goal	-\$2,786.03
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,891.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$30,330.59
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,139,799.18
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,099,936.43
Difference from Goal	-\$39,862.75
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,101,728.19
Decrease from Prior Year	\$1,791.76
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$104,811.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,642,070.86
Total Outstanding Debt	\$1,026,611.62
Annie Armstrong Year to Date	\$7,534.00

Sunday School Attendance

General Officers	4
Preschool	77
Children	73
Youth	70
Adults	355
Total	579



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Kids Korner: Grab your place on Outrigger Island

By Ann Hertzfeldt
Director of Preschool & Children Ministries

Grab your paddle and travel to Outrigger Island! Are we taking you on a vacation this year? No, but you can enjoy the feel of being in the islands when we celebrate Vacation Bible School July 14-18. We are planning this year's VBS, and you will want to get in on the fun.

This year's theme is Outrigger Island Living God's Unshakeable Truths. With the crashing waves of modern-day life, and the troubled waters of simply growing up, it's no wonder kids' belief systems capsize before they even get started. We can't change the world in which kids grow up, but we can equip kids to navigate that world with the stabilizing truths that God is real, Jesus is His Son, Jesus is the only way to receive salvation, the Bible is God's Word, and ultimately, their actions show what they truly believe.

This year's VBS directors are Jenny Holmes and Marcie Manzano. They are busy enlisting workers. It will take at least 75 adults to make this year's VBS a success. Jenny and Marcie are in the process of calling all of last year's teachers but if they haven't contacted you, just email or call me at church and I will send that information along. If you didn't get the opportunity to help last year and you would like to be part of the team, we could use you also. Youth helpers are also needed so sign up now and reserve the spot you would like. There are also part-time jobs that you could do like registration, publicity, and follow up.

A few different things have been planned for this year. Instead of having our Family Night on Thursday, we will have our Family Night on the Sunday night after VBS in conjunction with our annual church picnic. This will give our visiting families a chance to get to know the First Baptist Church family. It will be lots of fun. We also will not be having the kickoff party.

Our VBS Associational Training was this past Monday and Tuesday night. Several of our teachers attended and got lots of good ideas. The training and organizational meeting for our church is scheduled for Thursday, April 24 from 6-8 p.m. We will offer childcare that night for those who need it. Please call the church and tell us how many children to expect.

Please begin praying about your participation and our church making the most of this wonderful opportunity to shape a biblical foundation in a child's life.

Stewardship Verse

The amount of money we have is determined by God.

"But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth." (Deut. 8:18)



Several kids enjoy recreation time during last year's Vacation Bible School.

Bulletin Board

YOUTH

Song of Solomon/Disciple Now

April 4-5

Cost: \$40 due at registration

Deadline to register is TODAY

This is a great opportunity for you to hear more about God's plan for your life regarding relationships.



Day Trip to Dollywood

Saturday, April 19

Cost: \$35

Sign up by April 13



SPORTS/RECREATION

Co-ed Softball

Must be 16 or older to play

Games played on Mondays at Cane Creek Sportsplex

Cost: \$5 player fee

Sign up by April 1 in the Family Life Center!



HAPPY TRAVELERS

April 15

Columbia, TN

We will be touring the Polk House, Rippavilla Plantation and having dinner at the plantation. The cost is \$28. Amount of walking involved is the tour of houses. Reservation and payment are due by April 4. Call 520-7051 or 267-9822 for reservations. Leave a message, and we will call you back.



MEETING

Town Hall Meeting

With the Stewardship Committee

Sunday, April 6

5:00 p.m.

Conference Room

VBS

VBS t-shirts

It's time to order your VBS t-shirts!

Order forms are available in the church office and the central lobby. The deadline to order is April 16.



Worship Note

Worship is a place where God desires focused attention and Satan loves distraction. Make worship meaningful for everyone by limiting movement during the quiet times of worship to emergencies only. Children can be instructed to visit the restrooms before worship or even during fellowship times (youth and adults, too). Be aware of those around you and help them give attention to God by silencing cell phones and ceasing to use text messaging. If children become noisy and disruptive, take advantage of the foyer where you can comfort your child while seeing the services on the video screen. If you must leave the service, return to the back of the sanctuary and be seated, instead of walking in front of others. Allow God to speak to you and just as importantly, allow others to focus on God's word to them.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Mar. 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
Yth 5th Sun Breakfast
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Choirchimes
4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
Youth Bible Drill #330
Open Mtg. w/ Stewardship #175
Evening Worship

Monday, Mar. 31

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study
Men's Basketball

Tuesday, Apr. 1

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group
7:30 P.M. FBC Blue volleyball

Wednesday, Apr. 2

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens

Youth on Mission
Chi Rho Youth Choir
Children's Choirs

Open Mtg. w/ Stewardship #175

5:45 P.M. Mission Com. #145
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting

Children's Missions
Yth Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir

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

Thursday, Apr. 3

9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones to Standing Stone HC

7:30 P.M. FBC Yth volleyball

Friday, Apr. 4

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
4:00 P.M. Yth SOS Conference

Saturday, Apr. 5

Yth SOS Conference

Sunday, Apr. 6

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. College Lunch-FH

4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Choirchimes

4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
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