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# FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family



## Pastor's Heart



Clear focus is difficult to maintain, whether in individual lives or the life of a church. "Good" things often supplant the "best" things. Well thought-out plans are often neglected because of immediate emergencies or urgent circumstances. Focus may be lost simply because we fail to refocus on the important stuff when circumstance arise that blur our original vision.

My guess is that you, like me, find that good ideas and plans at times are simply forgotten because you are sidetracked by urgent needs. Sometime later, you ask yourself, "Whatever happened to my intention to ... (you fill in the blank here)."

Such is especially true in churches. The essential purposes of the church like worship and witness are many times neglected in our thinking and planning because we become primarily focused on some new urgent need or good program. We sometimes find ourselves simply doing the same good stuff that other organizations do and neglecting the things appointed by God that only the church can do.

Such is the reason that I believe our focus on *encountering God, encouraging discipleship, and engaging believers in ministry and missions* is so essential. These three clear purposes of the church cannot be accomplished by manmade organizations. They are God's plan for God's church empowered only by God's Spirit.

**Encounter, Encourage, Engage** needs to become our focus for planning, evaluating, and motivating our ministries. We must constantly keep the purpose in focus. Oh, we can do a lot of other really good stuff, but nobody else *but the church* has been called to do this stuff.

Such focus (and constant refocusing) is essential. Without it years will pass by and we will point to the many 'good' things done, rather than to God's work accomplished. It is not only important that the train keep moving; it must be on the right track. Join me as we continue to focus on encountering and being encountered by our wonderful Savior and Almighty God.

On another note: Mike Head's has served our church as Associate Pastor for Administration for seven years this week. His responsibilities are multifaceted and very important. I know you all appreciate Mike's work, so take time to let him know this week. Thanks Mike.

In His Love,  
Pastor Randy

## WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Wednesday afternoon from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. we will provide supervised play in the Family Life Center and, if needed, a supervised study hall in Room 177. For the safety of all our children, activities will be limited to these few supervised areas of the building.

### 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.

**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

**GROW Outreach**  
Wednesday, April 23  
6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

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*



*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*.

### MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2008  
8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

#### WE ENTER TO WORSHIP

- Opening Response Psalm 118:24 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Instrumental Prelude (8:15) "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Sobaje
- Entrance Song 359 (10:45) "This Is the Day" Garrett
- Welcome to Worship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- \*Fellowship Hymn 206 "Blessed Be the Name" BLESSED NAME
- Praise Song (10:45) "Jesus, I Love You" Grantham
- "Sing! Yes, Sing!" Calloway
- Music Time Choir (ages 4-5) Martha Head, director
- \*Responsive Reading Psalm 147:1, 7, 10-11 Dr. Nelms
- \*Hymn 36 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" HYFRYDOL
- \*Praise Song 37 (10:45) "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" SOLI DEO GLORIA
- \*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Testimony in Song "I Can Touch Him" (8:15) Talley's
- Ginny Gaddy
- "All for the Praise of God" (10:45) Hayes
- Sanctuary Choir

#### WE RECEIVE THE WORD

- Sermon "And God Chose the Place" Dr. Adkisson
- Exodus 3:3-5
- \*Song of Commitment 56 CWM RHONDIDA
- "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

#### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

- Offertory Prayer David Hutcherson (8:15)
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings Jack Mattson (10:45)
- Offertory Music "O That Will Be Glory" (8:15) arr. Bennett/Berry
- Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
- "Worthy of Worship" (10:45) arr. Winkler
- FBC Orchestra
- \*Presentation of Offering
- \*Doxology 27
- "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#### WE DEPART TO SERVE

- Statements of Affirmation
- \*Departing Song 648 "Go with God" Forbis
- \*Postlude Instrumentalists

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

- Prelude Remnant
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- \*Hymn 231 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID
- \*Scripture Reading Job 1:21-22 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- \*Praise Song "Blessed Be Your Name" Redman
- Scripture Reading Psalm 103
- Anthem of Praise "Worship Song" Martin
- "The Gift of Love" Hopson
- "He Is the Rock" Barrett
- Chi Rho Youth Choir
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- \*Commitment Hymn 290 "I Am Thine, O Lord" I AM THINE
- \*Offertory Prayer John Owens
- Offertory Music "Arise, My Love" Newsong
- Luminesce
- Shannan Bradley and Kristy McCloud, directors
- \*Postlude Remnant

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## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Jerry Joyner - Chief Deacon  
David Overstreet  
Ron Kinser  
Bronn Rayne  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Larry Spain

### Wednesday Dinner - 04/09

Bar-B-Que chicken, whole potatoes with cheese sauce, green beans, slaw, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 04/09

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Troy Caudle, Shelia Rich, C.W. Ramsay  
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Matheny

### Extended Session - 04/06

Bed Babies - Fran Hutchinson, Carol Joyner, Peggy Semmes

Creepers/Toddlers - Tim & Beth McReynolds

2's - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

3's - Richard & Cassandra Newman

## Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$22,429.88
Difference from Goal	-\$6,795.74
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,361.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$25,790.88
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,169,024.80
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,122,366.31
Difference from Goal	-\$46,658.49
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,135,604.96
Decrease from Prior Year	\$13,238.65
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$105,937.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,643,196.86
Total Outstanding Debt	\$1,025,485.62
Annie Armstrong Year to Date	\$9,201.00

## Sunday School Attendance

General Officers	4
Preschool	74
Children	66
Youth	54
Adults	350
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>



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# Hispanic Ministry Update: Soccer Championships provide opportunity to share the gospel

We have been blessed this month with the arrival of a four-member Hispanic family and one person from Nicaragua. These brothers and sisters in Christ were living in Miami and moved to Cookeville. They like it here and they previously attended a Baptist church.

The Hispanic Soccer Championship Saturdays are going really good. So far we have handed out 500 evangelism tracks. I have the privilege to share Jesus before the beginning of each game. The day before Easter I read from the scriptures about the power of His resurrection for all. It was really a blessing.

During the same time, I shared the gospel one-on-one with three Hispanic guys. Two of them prayed to receive Jesus. That makes all the hard effort worth it.

There are three more months of the soccer championships, and personally my desire is to bring all the people possible to church and see them grow in Christ for the glory of our Father in heaven. Hard work for the Lord always pays off in blessings for those who serve Him.

Thanks to all my brothers and sisters who approach me and my wife with encouraging words and for all your prayers. Thanks from my family to all of you.

Pastor Alain Edel  
Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministry



*Pastor Alain Edel shares the gospel before one of the games in the Hispanic Soccer Championships.*

# Children's choir planning a great spring

Spring is a great time for the preschool and children's choir ministry at First Baptist. In addition to singing in worship, as the older preschoolers are doing this morning, the children are in the midst of preparing the musical "Nic at Night." This fun production will tell the

story of Nicodemus and how he became a disciple of Jesus. "Nic at Night" will be presented on Wednesday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m.

Membership in the preschool and children's choirs is currently open. Choirs are available for children from age three through grade six. Each of the four choirs meets on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. The choirs dismiss in five minute intervals beginning with

the young preschoolers at 5:40 p.m. A special children's choir information brochure is available at the welcome desk and in the church office.



A Musical play for Kids about Nicodemus

# Bulletin Board

## MISSING

### Missing Pagers

If you have pager number 12, 20, 22, 29, 35, 37, or 38, please turn them back in to the nursery immediately.

## MEETING

### Town Hall Meeting

With the Stewardship Committee  
Sunday, April 6 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 9 @ 5:30 p.m.  
Conference Room

## WOMEN

### Women on Mission Associational Meeting

Tuesday, April 8  
Washington Avenue Baptist Church  
6:30 p.m.  
Guest speakers: Dr. Tom & Leda Riley returning from mission trip to Africa

## YOUTH

### Youth Week

April 20-27  
Fifty plus youth are needed to serve. Pick up a Youth Leadership Survey and sign up to be a part of Youth Week by April 13.

### Day Trip to Dollywood

Saturday, April 19  
8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$35 and money for food  
Sign up by April 16

## 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.

## SPORTS/RECREATION

### Men's softball

Games begin April 28  
Cost: \$7  
Sign up in the Family Life Center



## Stewardship Verse

**God grants to people his ability to earn that which is His already; money and wealth.**

Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost rule over all, and in Thy hand is power and might; and it lies in Thy hand to make great, and to strengthen everyone.

I Chronicles 29:12

## Weekly Activities

### 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  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
Choirchimes  
4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells  
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
Youth Bible Drill #330  
Town Hall Meeting with Stewardship #175  
5:30 P.M. Yth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

### Monday, Apr. 7

4:00 P.M. Church Council  
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble  
5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.  
7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study

### Tuesday, Apr. 8

8:45 A.M. MDO  
8:15 P.M. FBC Blue volleyball

### Wednesday, Apr. 9

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens  
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
Youth on Mission  
Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Children's Choirs  
5:30 P.M. Town Hall Meeting with Stewardship #175  
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. 10

9:30 A.M. CBS  
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones to Cedar Hills Retirement  
6:45 P.M. FBC Yth Gold v-ball  
7:30 P.M. FBC Yth Orange vball

### Friday, Apr. 11

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

### Saturday, Apr. 12

### Sunday, Apr. 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 Lunch  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
Choirchimes  
4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells  
Children's & Yth Church Bible Drill in Chapel  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship