



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart



The Bible is our source and our standard – without reservation or apology. It is “God-breathed” and without error. When we come to worship God, we do

not come to hear the preacher’s opinion or personally gained insight. We come to open God’s word and hear *His* voice.

Sadly, many who would consider themselves Christians miss entirely the fact that genuine Christianity follows only one source of truth – God’s word. Though well meaning, they trade the objective truth of God’s word for the subjective feelings of some teacher or celebrity.

Pseudo-Christian celebrities like Oprah and self-help gurus like Deepak Chopra offer age-old ‘new age’ spirituality with a sprinkle of Jesus thrown in. Their error is the error of every age. They have decided that their inward and subjective feelings and reasoning is more reliable than the revealed truth of God’s word. Such is also true of so called ‘Christian’ cults such as Mormonism, Jehovah’s Witnesses, or the lesser-known “The Way” movement.

Such deception finds its basis in mankind’s pride, which says, “I will be the discernor of truth.”

Do not mistake such reasoning as merely the disagreements of genuine believers over minor matters of scriptural interpretation.

How do you tell the difference between real truth and deceitful error? Answer the central question of Christianity: “Who is Jesus?” Genuine biblical Christianity will not bend at this point. Jesus is the only way, truth, and life. Jesus is God’s *only Son*, the third person of the Trinity. He is fully God and fully man. His death alone was necessary and effective in redeeming mankind from sin. He was not our example; He is our God!

Don’t fall for the Devil’s deception that theology and doctrine are unimportant. There is nothing he desires more than to talk you into making religious and eternal value judgments based upon your subjective feelings. Check out God’s word. Believe it and live.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Scripture Memory

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, And His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him; bless His name. For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100:4-5)

Mission Opportunities

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

Study Hall
Adults are needed to supervise a study hall on Wednesday from 3:15-5:00 p.m. in Room 177. The study hall is for students in 1st grade-high school and will meet for the next six Wednesday nights. If you can help on any of these dates, please contact Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

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

Jail Ministry
Anyone interested in being involved in the jail ministry please see Steve Farris or Dan Blakley.

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, APRIL 13, 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 GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

Opening Response	Palm 122:1	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Instrumental Prelude (8:15)	“Under His Wings” Carol Tittle, organist	arr. Hughes
*Entrance Song (10:45)	“Sing to the King”	Foote/Horne
Welcome to Worship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 206	“He Keeps Me Singing”	SWEETEST NAME
Praise Song (10:45)	“Sing” Chi Rho Youth Choir	Houghton and Lindsey
*Responsive Reading	Psalms 145:1-7	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Praise 36	“We Praise You, El Shaddai”	DIADEMATTA
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Testimony in Song	“Shout Amen!” (8:15) Chi Rho Ensemble	Althouse
	“Worship Song” (10:45) Chi Rho Youth Choir	Martin

WE CELEBRATE THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon “Intersections of Heaven and Earth” Dr. Adkisson
Revelation 4-5

*Song of Commitment “The Heart of Worship” Redman

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer Jerry Joyner (8:15)
Bob Southerlan (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music “I Surrender All” (8:15) arr. Oliver
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
“Goliath” (10:45) Williams/Martin
Chi Rho Youth Choir

*Presentation of Offering LASST UNS ERFREUEN
*Doxology 27 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation
*Departing Song 648 (8:15) “Go with God” Forbis
*Choral Benediction (10:45) Lutkin
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Chi Rho and Sanctuary Choirs Instrumentalists
*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Remnant
Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Song “Take My Life” Underwood
The Hymns of John Newton Dr. Jonathan Nelms
398 “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” AUSTRIAN HYMN
453 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” ORTONVILLE
330 “Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound” NEW BRITAIN
Sermon Dr. Adkisson
*Commitment Song “Grace Flows Down” Giglio/Bell/Padgett
*Offertory Prayer Bronn Rayne
Offertory Music “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” arr. Tomlin
Sharing Spiritual Decisions
Benediction
*Postlude Remnant

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Nolan Goolsby - Chief Deacon
Joe Maberry
Doug Winford
Joe Church
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Joe Church

Wednesday Dinner - 04/16

Hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 04/16

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Stella Dukes, Rachel Cunningham
5:45 - Damen Andrews, Jessica Young, Richard Cashion, Pam Vasseur

Extended Session - 04/13

Bed Babies - Jackie Donaldson, Mary Ruth Winford

Creepers/Toddlers - Andrew & Kristi Hetzel

2's - Margaret Atkins, Pat Chancey

3's - Linda Chappell, Amanda Keeton

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$37,939.94
Difference from Goal	+\$8,714.32
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,315.10
Total Gifts this Week	\$41,255.04
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,198,250.42
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,160,306.25
Difference from Goal	-\$37,944.17
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,181,836.97
Decrease from Prior Year	\$21,530.72
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$106,883.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,644,142.86
Total Outstanding Debt	\$1,024,539.62
Annie Armstrong Year to Date	\$9,377.10

Sunday School Attendance

General Officers	4
Preschool	63
Children	64
Youth	49
Adults	371
Total	551



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What will your stone say?

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

You have probably heard the term oxymoron. An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. "Jumbo shrimp" is an oxymoron. "Ferocious lamb" is another. "Dumb scholar" is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, "Stingy Christian." Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow."

Think about some of God's good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God's gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose for

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."

(1 Chronicles 29:12)

which God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That's why of all the oxymorons in existence, "Stingy Christian" is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, "What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have."

Worship Notes

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.

Welcome New Member



Cindy Kemp
4127 Charlton Square
Cookeville, TN 38501

Bulletin Board



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 today.

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.



VBS training

Thursday, April 24

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Room 175

NEW DATE

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, April 30

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

SPORTS/RECREATION

Men's softball

Games begin April 28

Cost: \$7

Sign up in the Family Life Center



STUDENTS

Scholarships

College scholarship forms are available in the church office.

Pick up your form and return it to the church office by April 30.

HAPPY TRAVELERS

Biltmore House

May 12-13

This will be an overnight trip to the mountains that includes an overnight stay at the Mountain Laurel lodge at Ridgecrest, NC and a fun-filled day at Biltmore Estates in Asheville. You'll enjoy a morning tour of Biltmore Estates and gardens and lunch at the Deer Park Restaurant before returning to Cookeville. It will be a jam-packed two days of touring in a beautiful setting in the spring. The cost is \$100 which includes lodging, two meals, entrance to the Biltmore Estates, travel and an ice cream stop on the way back to Cookeville.



Weekly Activities

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
Orchestra
4:00 P.M. Choirchimes
Adult Handbells
Children's & Yth Church
Bible Drill in Chapel
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Apr. 14

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
6:00 P.M. Men's Basketball
Co-ed softball @ Cane Creek Sportsplex
7:00 P.M. CBS Night Bible Study
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Tuesday, Apr. 15

8:00 A.M. Happy Travelers to Polk House
8:45 A.M. MDO
7:30 P.M. FBC Blue Volleyball

Wednesday, Apr. 16

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
3:30 P.M. 55+ Missions Mtg
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
Youth on Mission
Chi Rho Youth Choir
Children's Choirs
5:30 P.M. Stewardship Mtg.
6:30 P.M. Children's Missions
Yth Bible Study
Sanctuary Choir
FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, Apr. 17

9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones to Webb House
6:00 P.M. Mended Hearts Mtg.-FH
6:45 P.M. Youth Gold Volleyball
7:30 P.M. Youth Orange V-ball

Friday, Apr. 18

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

Saturday, Apr. 19

9:00 A.M. Regional Bible Drill
Child/Yth

Sunday, Apr. 20

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Assoc. Child/Yth Bible Drill
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Choirchimes
4:30 P.M. Adult Handbells
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship