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Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



The news of last week's Pew Research Report broke just in time to reemphasize our study of God's word. The church is headed toward museum status and only you can prevent its deadly creep toward complete irrelevancy.

What was the report's finding? Simply that a majority of self-described Christians (including Baptist and other evangelicals) have ceased to believe the truths of God's word concerning salvation and God. Most seem to believe that any sincere belief, be it Muslim, Mormon, mysticism, or madness, will satisfy God's righteous standards.

According to the survey, as reported by Associated Baptist Press, respondents who identified themselves as Southern Baptists were reflective of the general population's views on the subject of salvation: 61 percent said many religions could lead to a positive hereafter, while 33 percent said their faith was the only route to salvation.

Now if the question was posed in such a way as to confuse denominational affiliation with a broader religious affiliation then the results were erroneous. In other words, Baptist should indeed believe that anyone, *not just Baptists*, who trust in Jesus as the only begotten Son of God atoning for their sins is saved. But if it reflects a true understanding of *religions*, and Baptists believe that unrepentant non-believers will find God's mercy, then the report is tragic.

Of course, if there are multiple paths to salvation then God is a liar. For He has stated clearly that "there is no other name under heaven whereby you must be saved."

Now back to last Sunday's message: Who will tell the children and the grandchildren the truth? Who will make sure there is a living church in the next generations? It will not be the *religious* society that we live in. In many cases it will not be the churches that they may attend.

You and I must take seriously God's call of individual responsibility for our families and our community. We must take our faith seriously enough to know what God's word really says concerning sin, salvation, and sanctification. Then we must teach the truths of historic orthodox Christianity to our children. If not, their lost souls will rest upon our hands.

The question in our great country remains, do we want a living church or a popular museum. (If you missed last week's message, order a copy or listen on the web at www.fbccookeville.org).

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

Vacation Bible School

Island Guides are needed for Out-rigger Island: Living God's Unshakable Truth. We have openings for one teacher in 4th grade and preschool recreation. Assistance is also needed for registration and Family Night. Youth interested in helping with VBS see Ann Hertzfeldt.

WOM & GA Collection

Whole month of June
The Women on Mission and Girls in Action are collecting used eyeglasses and sunglasses for Tom & Leda Riley to take to Africa on a mission trip. Boxes made by GA's will be placed in the tower, carport and FLC entrances.

The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Saturday, July 12

Volunteers are needed to serve as scorekeepers and referees, to assist with registration and to be part of a prayer team. For more information see Greg Johnson.

5th Sunday Food Drive

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

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, JUNE 29, 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 PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Prelude "American Medley" arr. Christopher
FBC Orchestra

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Processional Hymn 629 "God of Our Fathers" NATIONAL HYMN

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Christian Flag

*Hymn 350 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELLA

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

*Hymn 634 "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" AMERICA

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Message in Song "We the People" Wolaver
Flock of Ages Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon "Removing the Barriers to God's Blessings" Dr. Adkisson
Isaiah 58:3

*Song of Commitment 579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick

WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory Prayer Dimas Aranda (8:15)
Bob Lovell (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "Battle Hymn of the Republic" arr. Ringwald
Flock of Ages Choir

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH

Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

*Statements of Affirmation

*Departing Song "God Bless America" Berlin

*Postlude Instrumentalists

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in sweet memory of Elenma Winnigham given by Larry and Brenda Spain.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Instrumentalists

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Hymn of Praise "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" arr. Coates

*Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:4-5 Dr. Jonathan Nelms

*Hymn of Testimony "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" arr. Tomlin/Griglio

Message in Song "Untitled Hymn (Come to Jesus)" Rice

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 61 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

*Offertory Prayer Joe Church

Musical Offering "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Coates

*Sharing Spiritual Decisions

*Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Todd Arnold, pianist

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Neil Alcorn - Chief Deacon
Harold Garrett
Jack Mattson
Chris Wilson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Barry Clouse

Wednesday Dinner - 07/02

Chicken salad croissant, fruit, pasta salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 07/02

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

Extended Session - 06/29

Bed Babies - Linda Venturino,
Megan Trotter

Creepers/Toddlers - Laura & Bobby Rich

2's - Jody & Neal Evans

3's - Melinda Allen, Debbie Ramsey

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$13,924.87
Difference from Goal	-\$15,300.75
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,654.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$15,578.87
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,519,732.24
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,455,697.73
Difference from Goal	-\$64,034.51
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,489,736.05
Decrease from Prior Year	\$34,038.32
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$121,822.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,659,081.86

Stewardship Verse

We are personally accountable to God for how we use the money He has entrusted to us.

"For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

Crosspoint teaches kids to use their athletic ability for Christ

By Colleen Cox
Publications Specialist

Athletics and a relationship with Christ can go hand and hand. Eleven kids from First Baptist Church learned that at Crosspoint Christian Sports Camp in Campbellsville, Kentucky, June 16-20.

Campers were able to develop their athletic skills in two different sport times. Kids from FBC (Hayden Dronebarger, Gray Forrester, Josh Groves, Taylor Huxley, Ryan LaFever, Jordan Pardue, Maddie Ramsaur, Rebekkah Scott, Zachary Scott, Jay Smith, and Justin Smith) participated in baseball, basketball, cheerleading, flag football, gymnastics, soccer, swimming and team handball - the fastest growing sport at Crosspoint. The first two days focused on skill development. Thursday gave kids the opportunity to show off their skills during Game Day with competitions in each sport.

Coaches spent time helping campers excel in each sport and also shared testimonies. Counselors were given the opportunity to assist the coaches during the sport times. Johnathan Emrich helped with soccer during the morning and afternoon. I helped out with basketball in the morning.

Campers also chose one track time with choices like wiffle ball, just add H2O, creative painting and kitchen chaos.

Kids were challenged about their relationship with Christ through worship and Bible study along with their sport and track times. Tuesday children were challenged to know their Script (the Bible) and given the opportunity to accept Christ. Fifty decisions for Christ were made throughout the week.

Wednesday campers were challenged to shine their light for Jesus. Thursday was a very meaningful time of worship. Church groups spent time praying over their missions offering before a representative from each group carried it down to the altar. More than \$1,800 was collected for missions in British Columbia and Poland.

Then children were confronted with a message about their part in God's kingdom and using their gifts and talents for Him. Kids and adults were asked to write their talents on a small piece of paper and place them in a gift bag. One person from each church then presented the gift bags at the altar.

Counselors also experienced powerful Bible study times. One day we were given cards with instructions to pray for someone, ourselves, speak scripture or read a prayer aloud.

Crosspoint is promoted as a camp where the desire to excel athletically and the message of Jesus Christ meet. That is exactly what campers and counselors alike experienced during the week in Campbellsville.



The First Baptist group that went to Crosspoint was (from front left) Justin Smith, Maddie Ramsaur, Rebekkah Scott, Jordan Pardue, Hayden Dronebarger, Colleen Cox, (middle) Taylor Huxley, Zachary Scott, Josh Groves, Grey Forrester, Jacob Ramsaur, (back) Ryan LaFever, Johnathan Emrich, and Jay Smith.

Bulletin Board

HAPPY TRAVELERS

Dale Hollow Resort State Park

Tuesday, July 1
Burkesville, KY

We will be eating lunch. We will leave Cookeville at 10:30 a.m. and eat lunch at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$13. Today is the last day to sign up and pay.

Dinner Train Trip

Saturday, August 16
Oak Ridge, TN

Step back in time to a more gracious era and enjoy a leisurely journey on a scenic dinner train excursion. Cost is \$65. Call Notie Jenkins at 520-7051 or 267-9822 for reservations and payment by Tuesday, July 1.

MEN

Promise Keepers

August 1-2
Philips Arena
Atlanta, GA

Registration information is available in the Central Lobby. The cost is \$74.95 through tomorrow.

SPORTS/RECREATION

The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Saturday, July 12

First United Methodist Gym

First Baptist and First United Methodist are partnering for The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Games begin at 9:00 a.m. Men and women ages 18 and up are eligible to play. The cost is \$45 per team.

CHURCHWIDE

VBS Family Night/Church Picnic

Sunday, July 20

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Come and enjoy a hot dog supper, children sharing VBS music, outdoor games and a great time of fellowship. We need the church family to help by bringing homemade ice cream, brownies or cookies.

CHILDREN

Team KID

3 year olds-6th graders

Join us for this fun, high energy ministry on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Kids will learn life lessons through Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, June 29

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
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, June 30

1:00 P.M. FLC Open
8:30 P.M. Men's softball @ Jere Whitson

Tuesday, July 1

8:45 A.M. MDO
10:30 A.M. Happy Travelers to Dale Hollow St. Park
1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Wednesday, July 2

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
6:00 P.M. Team KID
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, July 3

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Friday, July 4

Church Office/FLC Closed

Saturday, July 5

Sunday, July 6

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

Children's Blog

For more photos and details on Crosspoint, visit www.fbcchildrensrec.blogspot.com.

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