



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart

Freedom: that is what the Fourth of July is all about. It is good to remember that freedom was a gift procured as a blessing from God and a sacrifice of our countrymen. Remembering helps us to pray for and appreciate our present military and those who have served in the past.

It is also good to remember that freedom is not the same as license. Freedom is not the right to do any and everything, but the right to do that which is right and good so that life may be safe, fulfilling, and productive. Too often the two, freedom and license, are confused and equated.

Freedom allows you to approach an intersection with the right to drive safely through it after obeying the laws given for each driver's protection. License believes that you have the right to drive through that intersection without regard to traffic laws. License does not end in freedom, but death.

Of course no one is truly free until he or she has found peace with God and freedom from the slavery of sin. That is why Jesus tells us, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin." And then adds, "If therefore the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed."

Those who confuse freedom with a license for sin find themselves fully enslaved. Paid as a slave, they must reckon with the truth that "the wages of sin is death."

Have you found freedom this July 4th? Remember, only Jesus offers genuine freedom, for the "free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

We have had 15 members of our church family graduate to heaven in the first six months of this year. Fifteen in only 24 weeks is a huge number. Please be intentional to minister to one another in prayer and deed. Remember to pray for me and your other ministers who spend a great deal of time "weeping with those who are weeping."

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

Volunteers are needed to help with Family Night Sunday, July 20 from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Help is needed in the kitchen and serving food as well as with games. If you can help in any of these areas, contact Ann Hertzfeldt or Colleen Cox.

Needed

We need several flippers for recreation during Vacation Bible School. If you have some we could borrow, please bring them by the church office or contact Ann.

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.

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*.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE ALMIGHTY GOD

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Todd Arnold
- Hymn of Entrance "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Founds
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Praise 469 "Revive Us Again" Husband
- *Hymn of Dedication 473 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" Doane
- *Scripture Reading from Romans 8 and Hebrews 4:14-16 Todd Arnold
- *Hymn of Meditation 182 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" CONVERSE
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Message in Song "Adonai" Lewis/Ferro/Koch
- Amanda Caudle, soloist
- WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**
- Sermon "Simply Prayer" Dr. Adkisson
- Luke 11:1-18
- *Hymn of Commitment 457 "Lord, Be Glorified" Kilpatrick
- WE BRING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**
- Offertory Prayer David Hutcherson (8:15)
- Tim Hammons (10:45)
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

- *Statements of Affirmation
- *Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

- Prelude Instrumentalists
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Song of Praise "Shout to the North" Smith
- *Scripture Reading Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8 arr. Coates
- *Hymn of Invocation 15 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Redman
- Message in Song "Mission's Flame" Redman
- Missions Testimonies
- Invitation Dr. Adkisson
- *Hymn of Invitation 486 "Lord, Here Am I" BECK
- Offertory Prayer John Owens
- Musical Offering "How Can I Keep from Singing" Tomlin
- Remnant
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Postlude Todd Arnold, pianist

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Jerry Joyner - Chief Deacon
Van Sliger
Donnie King
David Overstreet
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Chris Vick

Wednesday Dinner - 07/09

Beef stir fry with rice, veggies, salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 07/09

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Troy Caudle,
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Newman
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Donnie King,
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Matheney

Extended Session - 07/06

Bed Babies - Peggy Semmes, Carol Joyner

Creepers/Toddlers - Tim & Beth McReynolds

2's - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

3's - Amanda Keeton, Linda Chappell

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$41,250.91
Difference from Goal	+\$12,025.29
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,093.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$43,343.91
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,548,957.86
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,496,948.64
Difference from Goal	-\$52,009.22
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,489,736.05
Increase from Prior Year	\$7,212.59
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$123,136.44
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,660,395.86

Sunday School Attendance

June 29, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	59
Children	53
Youth	43
Adults	321
Total	480



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Hispanic Indoor Soccer Championships concluded

On Saturday, June 28 the final game of the Hispanic Indoor Soccer Championships, which began in March, was played.

During the 16 games we had the blessing of sharing the gospel of Christ to all the people who came to the games. We handed out about 1,600 evangelism tracks, giving them to each one of the people who attended games during the four months. I had the opportunity to introduce the good news of Christ during halftime of each game.



I want to thank Charlie Hutchinson for all his support and First Baptist Church Cookeville for allowing us to host the Indoor Soccer Championships in the Family Life Center for evangelistic reasons. Thanks to all the members of the Hispanic church who accepted the call to serve the Lord at this final soccer game.

Our job is done; our call to share the Good News of Christ is fulfilled. We know for sure that God is going to do His part, bringing conviction of sin through the Holy Spirit to all who listen and read the Good News.

I know for sure that His word teaches us that His word never returns empty. (Isaiah 55:11)

Alain Edel

Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministry

VBS Prayer Calendar

Pray for Our Vacation Bible School!
Outrigger Island: Living God's Unshakeable Truth
July 14-18

Before VBS

July 7th: Pray for our pastor and VBS director. Pray that God will give them wisdom as they put the final touches on VBS. Pray for health and clear thinking.

July 8th: Pray for Bible study leaders (see the VBS bulletin insert for names of teachers). Pray that God will help them as they prepare to share with boys and girls, teenagers, and men and women how to have a personal relationship with Christ.

July 9th: Pray for VBS participants who will attend our church for the first time. Pray that God will help them find love and acceptance.

July 10th: Pray for music and missions leaders (see the bulletin insert for names of these leaders). Pray that God will touch hearts through the music. Pray that people will learn about missions and how they can be involved.

July 11th: Pray for crafts, recreation, and snack leaders (see the bulletin insert for names of these leaders) to be filled with joy and enthusiasm. Many participants build relationships as they play games, complete crafts, or fellowship around snacks.

July 12th: Pray for people who will come to know Christ during VBS. Pray that God will prepare their hearts to hear about Jesus. Pray for those who will share the gospel.

July 13th: This will be a busy day! Pray for all the leaders who are preparing rooms, making final lesson preparations, and getting organized at home for the busy week ahead. Also pray for our outreach teams inviting people to VBS.

Bulletin Board

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. Sign up now at www.cookevillechristian.com or by calling Carrie Hutchinson at 526-2177 x207.

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. Sign up sheets are in your Sunday School class this week.

Weekly Activities

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

Monday, July 7

6:00 A.M. Yth leave for Centrifuge
1:00 P.M. FLC Open
8:30 P.M. Men's softball @ Jere Whitson

Tuesday, July 8

8:45 A.M. MDO
1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Wednesday, July 9

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

Thursday, July 10

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Friday, July 11

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 P.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. FLC Open
8:30 P.M. Men's softball @ Jere Whitson

Saturday, July 12

The Rock 3 on 3 Basketball at First United Methodist

Sunday, July 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
3:00 P.M. VBS Music Prep.
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. Yth. Leaders Mtg.

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