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Pastor's Heart



The prayer covenant that I am asking you to make is a simple one. Join others in your church family in a commitment to pray for three things every day for the next year.

First, pray for the marriages of our church family. Almost daily for the last two weeks individuals have stopped me to say

how important they sense this emphasis to be. People are hurting. Children are suffering. The church of God is weakened because Christian marriages are failing.

Pray specifically for the marriages of our church family. Perhaps you might use your Sunday School role or the church directory as a source and a list. Don't merely pray, "God bless the marriages," but choose a couple of families each day and pray for them. Let God lead you in your praying.

Second, pray for the preacher and power in the pulpit. God places a special emphasis upon the pastor and his preaching. Make sure you are daily lifting up your pastor for strength, holiness, passion, wisdom, and power. As Mike Massa so ably pointed out, this request is not a selfish one, but one arising out of the humble expression of dependence upon God's anointing and grace.

Third, join in prayer for revival in our church. Yes, you may pray for national revival, but your real responsibility is to pray for the church family where God has called you and rooted you. Pray for a revival that brings humility and a teachable spirit before the Lord. Pray for a revival that gives us hearts of passion and fire: a heart for service. Pray for revival that brings evident spiritual health leading to mature discipleship in our lives.

Back to marriage! The key to a vital marriage is fairly simple. Two people take seriously God's word and determine to make their marriage and their marriage partner a priority. It takes intentionality. Are you intentionally doing something, reading something, committing time to make your marriage what God desires it to be? Why don't you? Then you can relish the blessing of God's plan.

See you in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Quarterly Business Meeting Wednesday, July 30 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Agenda: Personnel Committee Recommendation, Clarification by Parliamentarian, Update on Hispanic Ministry

Mission Opportunities

Sunday School Openings

Do you have a desire to encourage children to become disciples? Two teachers are needed for 1st grade, one teacher is desired for 6th grade and one teacher is needed for creepers (12-18 months). If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact Ann Hertzfeldt or Chris Masters, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

GA Leaders needed

Have a heart for missions and children? We are looking for two GA leaders to work with 1st-6th grade girls as they pray for missions, engage in missions, and learn about missions.

Children's Church

Desire a person who can work with 4-5 year olds in children's church during the 10:45 service. This wonderful ministry opportunity would begin in mid August. If you are interested, contact Ann.

Missions Training

Saturday, August 16
First Baptist Church Lebanon
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Cost: \$7 per person
Contact Carolyn Jernigan at 252-0618 by August 1 if you would like to attend.

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, JULY 27, 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 HOLY GOD

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms

*Gathering Songs "Forever" Tomlin

"Indescribable" Doerksen

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Hymn of Praise 176 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Song of Praise "God of Wonders" Hindalong

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism (10:45)

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Celebration 426 "Victory in Jesus" HARTFORD

Message in Song "Under His Wings" Tomblin

Kim Emrich, Lisa Hammons, and Sandy Ramsaur

WE CELEBRATE THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon "Soil Responsibility" Dr. Adkisson

Luke 8:4-15

*Hymn of Commitment "The Home of God" GIFT OF LOVE

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Bronn Rayne (8:15)

Nolan Goolsby (10:45)

Worship with Tribes and Offerings

Offertory Music "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Greer

*Presentation of Offering Todd Arnold, pianist

*Doxology 27 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LAST UNSERFUEEN

Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

Promotional Moment for Annie Moses Band Concert

Prayer for School Teachers

*Statements of Affirmation

*Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO

*Postlude Instrumentalists

Prelude Instrumentalists

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Song of Praise "How Can I Keep from Singing" Tomlin/Redman/Cash

*Ascription of Praise Dr. Jonathan Nelms

*Hymn of Praise "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Coates

Song of Testimony "Here is Love" arr. Redman

Message in Song "The Word" from VBS '08 Slaughter

Sermon "Wherever He Leads I'll Go" Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 285 FALLS CREEK

*Offertory Prayer Robert Fuller

Musical Offering "Rejoice, the Lord is King" arr. Cottrell

Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Tim Collins - Chief Deacon
Ralph Mullins
John Owens
Randall Ramsey
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Joe Church

Wednesday Dinner - 07/30

Taco salad bar, fruit, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 07/30

5:00 - Barbara Clouse, Ann Hertzfeldt,
Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Donaldson
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey,
Mr. & Mrs. Burley Cannon

Extended Session - 07/27

Bed Babies - Martha Timmons,
Connie Taylor

Creepers/Toddlers - Dan & Christine
Blakley

2's - Mike & Tiffany Gentry

3's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,225.62
Budget Gifts this Week	\$17,132.67
Difference from Goal	-\$12,654.98
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,017.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$18,149.67
Budget Goal to Date	\$89,362.96
Budget Gifts to Date	\$83,755.56
Difference from Goal	-\$5,607.40
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$94,876.06
Decrease from Prior Year	\$11,120.50
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$2,232.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,662,627.86

Sunday School Attendance

July 20, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	76
Children	70
Youth	51
Adults	338
Total	540



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Annie Moses Band concert this Friday

First Baptist is privileged to partner with Stevens Street Baptist to bring the Annie Moses Band to Cookeville. This dynamic group of musicians will be presenting a full concert at First Baptist on Friday, August 1, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.00 each and are available in the central lobby on Sunday morning and in the church office throughout the week. Remaining tickets will also be on sale at the door.

The ticket is not only good for the concert, but also for a three-hour seminary at Stevens Street on Saturday morning. Led by members of the Annie Moses Band, this seminar will help music students and their parents to make lessons and practice more effective. It will be a very encouraging time of practical advice on getting the most out of music lessons for all instruments.

The Annie Moses Band is unlike any other ensemble in America today. Parents Bill and Robin Wolaver and their six children comprise the band. The older siblings were trained at the renowned Julliard School of Music and the younger children will be soon. The band plays a delightful variety of music featuring violin, viola, cello, piano, and a rhythm section.

Named after the children's great-grandmother Annie Moses, the band plays selections in styles ranging from pop to acoustic ballads to classical jazz to Celtic fusion. Quite a few members of First Baptist have seen the band in concert and all agree that there is something here for everyone. Ann Hertzfeldt comments, "I just love their music. It's beautiful and so worshipful."

"Their concert was so sincere. I can tell that they have a true heart for the Lord," says Martha Head.

Todd Arnold remembers, "They are all excellent musicians. I can't wait to hear them again."

This two-hour concert is open to the public. **Childcare will not be provided.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All tickets are general admission. Call First Baptist or Stevens Street for more information.



Annie Moses Band

Music Ministry groups resume next week

All of the First Baptist choirs and instrumental ensembles take a break during the month of July. However, school is in session and we are ready to begin our new season of ministry. Choirs and instrumental ensembles are available for everyone from age three through senior adult.

On Sunday, August 3, three of our instrumental ensembles will resume weekly rehearsals. The orchestra, handbells, and choirchimes will all begin at 4:00 p.m. The church orchestra is open to all youth and adult players. Parts are available for all band and orchestral instruments and rehearsals are held in the Sanctuary. The adult handbell team will meet in the handbell room (Room 231) and the children's choirchime team will meet in Room 252.

Choirs for children, youth, and adults will resume on Wednesday, August 6. Rehearsals for preschoolers, children, and youth begin at 5:00 p.m. and adult choir rehearsal begins at 6:30 p.m. The youth and adults rehearse in the choir room. The room assignments for the children are as follows: three's in Room 244; fours and fives in Room 252; grades 1-3 in Room 329; and grades 4-6 in Room 315. The harp ensemble will resume on Monday, August 11, at 5:00 p.m. and the senior adult choir will resume after Labor Day.

Membership is currently open in all of the groups listed above. Please speak with Jonathan or call the church office for more information.



Adult Handbell Team begins new season

Music Ministry Intern Todd Arnold will be leading the Praise Ringers this fall because Betty Suiter has decided to step down after directing the group for 30 years.



Todd Arnold

Todd invites current ringers and other musicians who may be interested in ringing to join him for a 60 minute introductory meeting and rehearsal on Sunday, August 3, at 4:00 p.m.

Jonathan Nelms observes, "Betty has built a tradition of excellence in handbell ministry and we will certainly miss her. However, Todd is a wonderful musician with experience in directing bells and I know that he will be a delightful addition to the group."

Bulletin Board

GET CONNECTED!

Connection Class

Sunday, August 3

Family Life Center

This class will meet for three weeks beginning August 3. Class begins at 9:30 a.m. The purpose is for you to meet the staff and other newcomers and discover ministry, mission and education opportunities. We will do an overview of Baptist history, church operating procedures and even give you a brief personal tour. Plan on coming and let's get to know one another better.

HAPPY TRAVELERS

Trip to Dillard, Georgia

September 8-10

Stay and eat at the Dillard House, which is set in a peaceful valley with the touch of fall beginning in the mountains. Enjoy a day of shopping and taking in the unique community of Highlands, North Carolina. The cost is \$150. Payment and reservations must be made by August 10. Call Notie Jenkins at 520-7051 to reserve your spot.



SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

Power Up Sunday School Conference

Monday, August 18

6:45-8:45 p.m.

First Baptist Church

For preschool, children, youth and adult leaders, Sunday school directors, pastor, staff and other Sunday school leaders.



VBS LEADERS

If you still have your lanyards for your nametags, please return them to the church office.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, July 27

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
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, July 28

Tuesday, July 29

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, July 30

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:30 P.M. Const/Bylaws Mtg. #177
Yth Choir Council Mtg. - Choir Room
Preschool & Children's Choir Planning Mtg.
6:00 P.M. Team Kid
6:30 P.M. Quarterly Bus. Mtg. Sanct. Choir Prayer/Planning
Yth. Bible Study/Crosstraining
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 9:00

Thursday, July 31

Friday, Aug. 1

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
7:00 P.M. Annie Moses Band Concert

Saturday, Aug. 2

12:00 P.M. Happy Tones Picnic @ Louise Phillips

Sunday, Aug. 3

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Connect Class
Hispanic Worship-Chapel
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Yth Leadership Training - 4th floor
Orchestra Rehearsal
Adult Handbell Mtg. and Rehearsal
Child Choirchimes
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened.

(Luke 11:9-10)