



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart



God both requires and blesses our labor. It is both responsibility and blessing. Those who envision heaven as a place with no labor have envisioned a place of eternal boredom. Nobody wants that!

Instead heaven will be a place with purposeful, fulfilling, and fruitful activity (labor), but without the drudgery and toil of earth. Take all the joy you have ever found in a job well down and transfer that sense of accomplishment and joy to heaven. That is what labor in heaven will be like.

But such labor does not have to wait until you arrive at heaven's gate. You can transform your toil into purposeful, meaningful labor beginning today. God's plan for your life includes involvement in meaningful, even eternally important, labor, the kind of labor that makes a real difference in your life and in others.

That will be our theme this morning: *Purpose, Promise & A Life Fulfilled.*

Let's not settle for anything less or anything else. God has a wonderful plan for our lives. Living God's call is the most important job of all.

See you this morning in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Called Business Meeting

Wednesday, September 3, 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Agenda:

- A. Recommendations from the Personnel Committee
 - 1) *Regarding Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care and Senior Adults
 - 2) *Support Staff Ministry Days
 - 3) *Support Staff Office Hours
- B. *Friday Office Hours - Mike Head
- C. Deacon Recommendation of Deacon Emeritus Candidates

*Full text of motion can be picked up In the central lobby.

Scripture Memory

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



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 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
- *Instrumental Prelude "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" FOREST GREEN
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Praise 227 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" JOYFUL SONG
- *Responsive Reading Psalm 113:1-5 Dr. Nelms
- *Hymn of Testimony 42 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" FORESTGREEN
- *Song of Praise "I Exalt Thee" Sanchez
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- *Testimony in Song "The Old Rugged Cross" (8:15) OLD RUGGED CROSS
Carol Cooper
- "God is Faithful" (10:45) Boyd
Sanctuary Choir
Merilyn Overstreet, soloist
- WE CELEBRATE THE WORD OF GOD**
- Sermon "Purpose, Promise & A Life Fulfilled" Dr. Adkisson
Isaiah 55:1-3
- *Song of Commitment "Come Just As You Are" Sabolick

Mission Opportunities

Katrina Re-Construction Trip

October 5-10 to Bay St. Louis
Cost: \$20

We will have an information meeting about this trip on Sunday, September 7 at 12:15 in the Old Chapel. If you cannot be at this meeting and want to go, contact Wade Raines at 432-5318 ASAP.

WMU Daytime Bible Study Group

Monthly meetings will resume on Tues., Sept. 9 at 9:30 A.M. in Room 143. Carolyn Jernigan will be leading the Bible Study this month.

Operation Christmas Child

There will be an information meeting for anyone interested in working with Operation Christmas Child on Sept. 25 at 10:00 A.M. in Room 175.

Bible Buddies

Leaders are needed to help 1st-3rd graders learn the books of the Bible, Bible verses and key passages during Sunday evening meeting time. For more information or to volunteer, see Ann Hertzfeldt.

Sunday School Needs

Teachers are needed for 1st grade. If you would like to serve in this capacity, contact Ann Hertzfeldt or Chris Masters, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

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*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

- Offertory Prayer Barry Clouse (8:15)
Ron Kinser (10:45)
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory Music arr. McKechnie
"I Love You Lord" with "O Lord Most Holy"
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
- *Presentation of Offering
- *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
- Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD**
- *Statements of Affirmation
- *Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO
- *Postlude Instrumentalists
- The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Jennine Shirley given by Mike Shirley*
- Sunday Evening - 6:00 PM**
No Evening Service
- Due to the Labor Day Holiday no services or activities will be held at First Baptist Church tonight. Please use this time in fellowship and devotion with family and friends.
- The morning worship service will be rebroadcast at 7:00 PM on Cable Channel 7.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Chris Wilson - Chief Deacon
Jack Mattson
Joe Church

Wednesday Dinner - 09/03

Hamburgers, french fries, baked beans, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/03

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

Extended Session - 08/31

Bed Babies - Linda Venturino, Megan Trotter

Creepers/Toddlers - Laura & Bobby Rich

2's - Jodi & Neal Evans

3's - Melinda Allen, Debbie Ramsey

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,621.06
Difference from Goal	-\$6,166.59
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,563.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$26,184.06
Budget Goal to Date	\$238,301.23
Budget Gifts to Date	\$209,696.84
Difference from Goal	-\$28,604.39
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$201,187.04
Increase from Prior Year	\$8,509.80
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$6,731.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,667,126.86

Sunday School Attendance

August 24, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	59
Children	71
Youth	70
Adults	366
Total	570



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Care Center Update

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

Today is the fifth Sunday of August. For many years First Baptist Church has sponsored a food drive to assist needy persons in Cookeville and the surrounding area on the fifth Sunday on the calendar. In January our church voted to join a collaboration of churches dedicated to meeting physical and spiritual needs in our community. I felt that on this fifth Sunday, I would share with you some of the recent statistics from the Care Center. Through July 31 the Care Center has:

- Received 2,015 client applications
- Served 6,025 people
- Fed 5,558
- Distributed 2,191 boxes of food
- Assisted with Rent, Utilities, and Gasoline



Prior to the start of school, the Care Center sponsored a drive to provide haircuts and book bags for children. This year approximately 275 children were provided with needed school supplies and a fresh haircut to enable them to begin their studies this year.

These statistics show a wonderful, caring ministry to meet physical needs. The more wonderful statistic is that during these seven months, fifty one people have prayed to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Lives are being touched, lives are being changed, and we are given opportunity to Engage in ministry through the Care Center Ministry. As with all ministries, volunteers are constantly needed to continue to meet the physical and spiritual needs. If you would like to know more about how you can become Engaged in the Care Center Ministry, please see or call me in the church office. Praise to God for all He has done.

SAMARITAN'S PURSE



You have an opportunity to work at the Samaritan's Purse Processing Center for two days in

Atlanta, GA in December 2008. We will leave on Dec. 3rd and work from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on the 4th and 5th and return home on the 6th.

This is a great opportunity to serve and better understand how Samaritan's Purse carries the love of Christ to many parts of the world.

Contact Joyce Raines at joyceraines@charter.net or 529-0808 by September 14, 2008 for additional information or to sign up.

**FAMILY NIGHT
NO PM SERVICE
OFFICES / FLC CLOSED MONDAY**

Happy Travelers to Branson, Missouri

The highlight of the trip will be seeing "Noah" in the new Sight & Sound Theater but look what else you will take in:

Five other shows, including *Mel Tillis Family Reunion*, the *Showboat Branson Belle* and a tour of *Branson Landing*. Your trip will also include 8 meals including *Lambert's*, *Home of the Throed Rolls* in Sikeston, MO and *Patti's 1880 Restaurant* in Grand Rivers, KY, four nights lodging, transportation, the beauty of fall leaves in the Ozarks and a rip roaring good time and wonderful fellowship.

Cost is \$350 (double room) with a **\$200 deposit** due at the Sept. 14 luncheon and the balance due at the October luncheon. Last day to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 28.

Call Notie Jenkins at 520-7051 or 267-9822

Bulletin Board



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

You are invited to a *Christmas Open House* hosted by the GA's on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, from 6:00 to 7:30 in Room 323. Please drop by and enjoy refreshments and bring your items for the missionaries that we are sponsoring in our Christmas in August project. A list of items is available in the central lobby and will be collected through the month of September. A donation box will be placed at the FLC entrance

BIBLE STUDIES

Experiencing God Bible Study - Men's Class

Beginning September 14 at 9:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall
Chris Vick will facilitate this study.

Experiencing God Bible Study

Beginning September 14 at 4:30 p.m. in room 175
Facilitators: John Owens & Bobbie Gist
Book Cost: \$15.00

Senior Adult Daytime Bible Study

A Bible Study to reaffirm our faith, impart a fresh focus to all believers and provide Jesus' hope for this life and beyond, A fresh look at God's word and its relevance to living life today. Join **Toney Davis** on Tuesday's at 10:00 a.m. in room 177 beginning September 9 and concluding in early November. All church members and friends, regardless of age, are invited to attend.



Sports/Recreation

Monday night Basketball

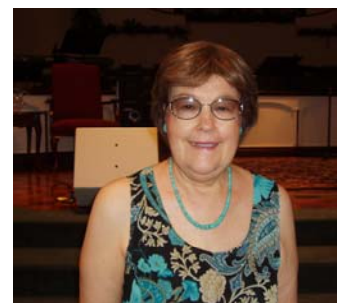
Men's pick-up basketball starts September 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Support Group

Hannah's Hope - Infertility Support Group

Meets the first & third Tuesdays of each month at Stevens Street Learning Resource Center at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting will be Sept. 16. For more information contact Sheila Geist at 260-0439.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Janis Neergaard
920 Woodwinds Dr.
Cookeville, TN 38501



Megan Pardue
4103 Kuykendall Rd.
Cookeville, TN 38501

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Aug. 31

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. No Evening Service
FAMILY NIGHT

Monday, Sept. 1

Office & FLC Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 2

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Sept. 3

11:30 A.M. Brown Bag Bible Study-Cafe
3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs
Chi Rho Yth. Choir
Youth on Mission
5:30 P.M. Median & Young Adult Teachers Mtg. #177
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Collegiate Bible Study
Yth. Bible Study/
Worship
Children's Missions
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Sept. 4

8:00 A.M. Mom's In Touch
Prayer #177
9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

Friday, Sept. 5

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

Saturday, Sept. 6

Sunday, Sept. 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Collegiate Lunch
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Adult Handbells
Choirchimes
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill # 324
Bible Buddies #329
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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