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Pastor's Heart



Along with other issues, the church voted on Wednesday night to transition Charlie's ministry among us to focus upon pastoral care and ministry. His new title will be that of *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care and Adults 55 & Older*.

As has developed over the last 10 years, Charlie will continue to help me as we provide pastoral care to our congregation through visitation and counsel. I very much appreciate Charlie's sense of call and work in this vital area. I know you do as well.

Our goal, as always, is to provide an atmosphere of excellence in the care of God's people. Yet, you will recognize with me that in a church with a membership well over 1000, even our ministerial staff as a whole cannot provide all that is needed. The biblical mandate of ministry has never been to 'hire' ministry done, but for the members of the church to band together to provide ministry to one another.

Ministry is carried out with excellence when God's people understand that *God has called each of us* to minister. Many at First Baptist embrace this biblical mandate with great grace. From our Homebound Ministry of volunteers to Sunday School outreach teams, from deacons to Sunday School teachers, real, meaningful ministry is carried out by members to members.

How can you help? Determine to use your gifts in ministry to others. This may be done through one of the many 'ministries' of our church or even informally as you intentionally seek to serve others. Two, let us know of your need and the needs of others.

There is no spiritual gift of clairvoyance among the people of God. Too often 'ministry needs' go unmet simply because 'ministry needs' go unknown. If you have a need, make it known by calling the church office.

Please remember that it is the great desire of your church to reveal the love and care of God for you. Just as important, remember that *you are the church* called with your fellow members to show the love and care of God to others.

That's God's plan and God's blessing.

See you this morning in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

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

Mission Opportunities

Katrina Re-Construction Trip Information Meeting

Today at 12:15 p.m.
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 Tuesday, September 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 September 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*



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 Song 426	"Victory in Jesus"	HARTFORD
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Hymn 206	"Blessed Be the Name"	Wesley/Hudson
*Responsive Reading	Psalms 95:1-2, 5-6	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Testimony 395	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	CWM RHONDDA
*Song of Praise	"More Precious than Silver"	DeShazo
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
*Testimony in Song	"Empty of Me"	Lantz
	Sanctuary Choir and the Pulpit Pluckers	
WE CELEBRATE THE WORD OF GOD		
Sermon	"Deceived & Seduced"	Dr. Adkisson
	Luke 8:17 and 14; Mark 4:19	
*Hymn of Commitment 550	"I'd Rather Have Jesus"	Miller/Shea
WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING		
Offertory Prayer		Dimas Aranda (8:15)
		Neil Alcorn (10:45)
Worship with Tribes and Offerings		
Offertory Music	"There Is Power in the Blood"	Jones
		Pulpit Pluckers

*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 657	"Go Out and Tell"	PLANO
*Postlude		Instrumentalists
SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM		
Prelude		Remnant
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Chorus	"Step by Step"	Beaker
*Hymn of Praise 202	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	CORONATION
*Scripture Reading	Psalms 148	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Chorus of Praise	"Blessed Be Your Name"	Redman
Testimony in Song	"Witness"	arr. Halloran
	1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 13	Hopson
	"The Gift of Love"	Althouse
	"Shout Amen!"	
	Chi Rho Youth Choir	
	with James Cunningham, violin and Abby Collins, reader	
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Song of Commitment		arr. Tomlin
*Offertory Prayer	"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"	Robert Fuller
Musical Offering	"Across the Lands"	Townend/Gety
	Remnant	
Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Nolan Goolsby - Chief Deacon
Harold Garrett
Ralph Mullins
Randall Ramsey

Wednesday Dinner - 09/10

Chicken & dumplings, green beans, slaw, cornbread, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/10

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

Extended Session - 09/07

Bed Babies - Amanda Miller, Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Chris & Mylon Simpson

2's - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

3's - Wa Ying Steadman

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$26,164.60
Difference from Goal	-\$3,623.05
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,795.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$27,959.60
Budget Goal to Date	\$268,088.88
Budget Gifts to Date	\$235,861.44
Difference from Goal	-\$32,227.44
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$224,800.57
Increase from Prior Year	\$11,060.87
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$6,982.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,667,377.86

Sunday School Attendance

August 31, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	56
Children	62
Youth	51
Adults	333
Total	506

Chi Rho starting strong

The Chi Rho Youth Choir will make its fall debut during the evening worship service tonight and a parent/youth organizational meeting will be held following the service. Despite losing 10 seniors last spring, the choir has welcomed 14 new singers this fall. Of these, there are 12 seventh graders in the group.

Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms directs the choir and observes, "This is perhaps the strongest group of rising seventh graders that we have had. I

am so thankful for our excellent preschool and children's choir leadership who have faithfully taught these children over the years. We are enjoying the fruit of their labors."

Chi Rho is open to all youth in grades seven through twelve. The choir rehearses each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the choir room. Although there is no audition for the choir, each youth is expected to attend at least 80% of choir events including rehearsals.

A youth choir ministry council works with Jonathan to plan, implement, and evaluate events. Music Ministry Intern Todd Arnold recently graduated from TTU, but is still studying conducting at the university in preparation for attending seminary next fall. He comments, "We are always trying new choral techniques with the choir. Rehearsals are fast-paced and well focused. We want each of these youth to grow musically and spiritually each week."

Lisa Hammons and Carra McNelly assist with the discipline and logistics of each rehearsal and are essential to the success of the choir. Carra says, "I love coming to rehearsal. These kids are so full of enthusiasm. Despite the hard work, they have a lot of fun."

Indeed, the youth choir ministry of First Baptist continues to grow. Each choir season is built around four primary events: a fall retreat, the FBC Christmas music festival, the winter youth choir festival, and the summer mission tour. Parents will receive an overview of each event at tonight's meeting. Lisa Hammons will also be on hand to notarize medical release forms for the youth.

A healthy youth choir program is rare in the churches of today. Pray that ours will continue to grow as young men and women learn to worship and witness through song.



Bulletin Board

BIBLE STUDIES

Experiencing God Bible Study - Men's Class

Beginning September 14

9:30 a.m.

Men's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall

Chris Vick will facilitate this study.

Experiencing God Bible Study

Beginning September 14

4:30 p.m.

Room 175

Facilitators: John Owens & Bobbie Gist

Book Cost: \$15.00

SPORTS/RECREATION

Men's Pick-up Basketball

Mondays starting September 8

7:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Facilitated by Greg Johnson

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

You have an opportunity to work at the Samaritan's Purse Processing Center in Atlanta, Georgia for two days in December. A group will leave on December 3 and work from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on December 4-5 and return home on December 6. 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 for additional information or to sign up.

HAPPY TRAVELERS

Trip to Branson, Missouri

October 20-24

Cost: \$350

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*; eight 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, and the beauty of fall leaves in the Ozarks. A **\$200 deposit** is due at the Sept. 14 luncheon and the balance is due at the October luncheon. The last day to sign up is Sunday, Sept. 28. **Call Notie Jenkins at 520-7051 or 267-9822 for reservations.**

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.

Weekly Activities

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. College Lunch
4:00 P.M. Orchestra

Adult Handbells
Choirchimes
Youth Bible Drill #330
Kid's Bible Drill # 324
Kid's Bible Drill #329

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho Yth Choir Reh
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Yth/Parent Mtg.

Monday, Sept. 8

8:00 P.M. Happy Travelers to Dillard, GA

5:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Officers Mtg.
Deacon's Meeting
CBS Night

Tuesday, Sept. 9

7:00 P.M. MDO
8:45 A.M. 55+ Daytime Bible Study #177

Wednesday, Sept. 10

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

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Collegiate Bible Study
Yth. Bible Study/
Worship
Children's Missions
FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Sept. 11

7:30 P.M. Mom's In Touch
Prayer #177

8:00 A.M. CBS
9:30 A.M. Happy Tones
6:00 P.M. BCM Noon Night
7:00 P.M. Yth Volleyball Green
7:45 P.M. Yth Volleyball Blue

Friday, Sept. 12

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

Saturday, Sept. 13

Sunday, Sept. 14
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Adult Handbells
Choirchimes

4:30 P.M. Experiencing God #175
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Kid's Bible Drill # 324
Kid's Bible Drill #329

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. YAC Fellowship

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Bible Drill
Begins today at 5:00 p.m.
Youth — Room 330
Children — Room 324
Bible Buddies — Room 329

