



FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family



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Pastor's Heart



A number of years ago Eugene Peterson described the Christian life as a “long obedience in the same direction.” This is certainly the call of a Christian deacon.

The Greek word ‘deaconeo’ means ‘to serve’. In the New Testament era a deacon was one who served tables. The office of deacon was for one who served the Lord and His church in ministry. These were leaders in the practical service of others. These were ministers to the family of God.

Today, as part of our worship service, we will honor five men who have served the Lord long and well as deacons. They have been recently designated as **Deacon Emeritus** by the church body.

Hubert Allison was ordained in 1962 and has served as a deacon at First Baptist since 1984. Along with his service as a deacon, he has served as secretary for the Adult Sunday School Department since 1980.

Willard Nash has been a deacon most of his life, having become a deacon soon after the Lord saved him as a young adult. He has served well on building committees and as a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Hamp Morrison has been a deacon since 1956 and has served as the deacon chair. He taught College Sunday School classes and has served on numerous committees through the years. He still serves in Sunday School leadership.

James Seay Brown was ordained at First Baptist Church in 1954. He has taught Sunday School classes and served on many committees in the church. He continues to be regularly called upon to serve on the Church Relationship Committee.

Gene Dunn was ordained a deacon at First Baptist in 1980. Gene took the role of a Sunday School teacher to fifth grade boys as a genuine calling from God. Many of our present young adults can relate back to Gene’s life lessons in Sunday School.

Of course each of these men had tremendous partners in their ministry. Each were joined in their service by their wonderful Christian wives. What a blessing Elma Allison, Ada Nash, Betty Morrison, Virginia Lee Brown, and Helen Dunn have been to our church family. We honor them as well this morning. They too have served as leaders and servants in our church.

These men love their Pastor and their Church. They continue to serve the Lord and I appreciate each of them greatly.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.” This is recognition we give to each of these men this morning as we designate them as **Deacon Emeritus**.

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

WMU Night Bible Study Group will meet on Monday, Sept. 22, postponed from Sept. 15, in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite salad and join us for food, fellowship and Bible study led by Pat Butler.

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.

Katrina Re-Construction Trip October 5-10 to Bay St. Louis
Cost: \$20
If you are interested in going on this trip please contact Wade Raines at 432-5318 ASAP.

RA's Miles of Pennies The RA's will be collecting pennies for their mission project - Miles of Pennies - at the end of both services on Sunday, Sept. 28. The money will be used to minister within one mile of our church at The Care Center.

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, SEPTEMBER 21, 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 THE LORD

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| Greeting | Ruth 2:4; Psalm 95:1 | Dr. Jonathan Nelms |
| *Gathering Hymn 231 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” | | MADRID |
| Ordinance of Believer’s Baptism (10:45) | | |
| Welcome and Fellowship | | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Song of Praise | “Shout to the North” | Smith |
| *Ascription of Praise | Isaiah 12:4-6 | Dr. Nelms |
| *Hymn of Adoration 10 “How Great Thou Art” | | O STORE GUD |
| Deacon Emeriti Recognitions (10:45) | | Jim Viar |
| *Pastoral Prayer | | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Hymn of Service 495 “Serve the Lord with Gladness” | | LEE |
| Anthem of Dedication (10:45) “Speak, O Lord” | | art. McDonald |
| Sanctuary Choir | | |

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

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| Sermon | “More or Less” | Dr. Adkisson |
| | Luke 8:8, 15, 18 | |
| *Song of Commitment | “Be the Centre” | Frye |

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

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| Offertory Prayer | Ed Griggs (8:15) |
| | Milke Powers (10:45) |

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

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| Offertory Music | “Reformation Chorale” | Mendelssohn |
| | John Wells, organist and Todd Arnold, 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 THE LORD | | |
| *Statements of Affirmation | | |
| *Departing Chorus 4 | “To God Be the Glory” | refrain only |
| *Postlude | | Instrumentalists |

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

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| Prelude | | Remnant |
| Welcome | | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Gathering Song | “You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)” | Imboden/Rhoton |
| *Scripture Reading | Deuteronomy 31:19-22 | Dr. Jonathan Nelms |
| *Song of Praise 176 | “Fairest Lord Jesus” | art. Nockles |
| Song of Dedication | “The Potter’s Hand” | Zschech |
| Sermon | | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Hymn of Commitment 275 | “I Surrender All” | SURRENDER |
| *Offertory Prayer | | Randall Ramsey |
| Musical Offering | “Enough” | Tomlin/Giglio |
| Remnant | | |
| *Sharing Spiritual Decisions | | |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Postlude | | Instrumentalists |

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Tim Hammons - Chief Deacon
 Larry Spain
 Donnie King
 Robert Fuller
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Joe Church

Wednesday Dinner - 09/24

Fish, hushpuppies, corn on the cob, baked beans, slaw, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/24

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown,
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Joyner
 5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Griggs, Ruth Ann Southerlan

Extended Session - 09/21

Bed Babies - Connie Hawkins,
 Lois Weatherholt

Creepers/Toddlers - Lily Qiu, Kim Groves

2's - Dan & Christine Blakley

3's - Chris & Tara Masters

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$35,270.46
Difference from Goal	\$5,482.81
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,492.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$36,762.46
Budget Goal to Date	\$327,664.19
Budget Gifts to Date	\$300,535.36
Difference from Goal	-\$27,128.83
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$279,353.36
Increase from Prior Year	\$21,182.00
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$9,881.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,670,277.63

Sunday School Attendance

September 14, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	50
Children	73
Youth	60
Adults	364
Total	550



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Is There Any Difference?

Mike Head
 Associate Pastor for Administration

"... if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come" (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians should have a different outlook on life, including money and material possessions. They realize that they own nothing, that everything they have belongs to God, and that they are only managers and stewards of what God has entrusted to them. Because of that, Christians should have a different attitude towards "things."

That attitude demonstrates itself in many different ways. For example, Christians show mercy and give, in contrast to those who borrow and do not repay (Psalm 37:21). Christians should hold possessions with an open hand, and "water" others with their bounty (Proverbs 11:24-25). They are honest and demonstrate their faith by their work and integrity (1 Thes. 4:11-12). They give to those in need and thereby demonstrate to a watching world the love of God (1 John 3:17).

When this kind of lifestyle is present in our lives, Jesus said that people will see our good works — our different attitude and perspective — and will glorify our heavenly Father (Matt. 5:16). And as we seek His kingdom first and foremost, we have His promise that He will provide what we need (Matt. 6:33).

As others observe you and your lifestyle, do they see any difference because of your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? As they observe your relationship to "things," especially to money, do they realize you are a manager, a steward, and not an owner? Or stated another way, is the manner in which you handle money and material possessions a testimony to your faith in Christ?

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Wednesday, Sept. 24

6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

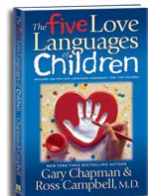
- Take one hour a month and join in this outreach to our community.
- Make a phone call or visit or simply write a note or letter.
- Everyone can be involved in this outreach effort.

Bulletin Board

BIBLE STUDY

Five Love Languages for Children

Beginning Wednesday, September 24
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Bride's Room
 Facilitators: Wendy Apple & Jenny Holmes
 Book Cost: \$5.00



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 Throated 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.**



SPORTS / RECREATION

TTU Football Game

Saturday, Oct. 4
 TN Tech vs, Eastern Kentucky
 Bring the family and enjoy some tailgating. Get your group or Sunday School class together or use this as an outreach opportunity to invite someone to a fun event. **Tickets only \$1.00.** You may sign up and pay in the church office.



Music Ministry

College Choir Organizational Meeting

All university students are invited to a college choir organizational meeting tonight, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the choir room. In response to popular demand, Jonathan wants to meet with students who are interested in such a choir to discuss possible plans for one. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact him to express your interest.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Ben Prine
 1160 Belmont Dr.
 Cookeville, TN 38506



Lori Cox
 100 Tech Village Circle
 Cookeville, TN 38501

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Sept. 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 P.M. RA Hike
 3:00 P.M. Media Ministry Camera Training-Chapel Orchestra
 4:00 P.M. Adult Handbells
 Choirchimes
 4:30 P.M. Experiencing God 175
 5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
 Children's Bible Drill #324
 Kid's Bible Drill #329
 Evening Worship

Monday, Sept. 22

6:00 P.M. Music Ministry Council
 7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Sept. 23

8:45 A.M. MDO
 10:00 A.M. 55+ Daytime Bible Study #177

Wednesday, Sept. 24

7:30 A.M. See You at the Pole
 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. Const/Bylaws #145
 Deacon Officers Mtg. #177
 6:30 P.M. G.R.O.W. Outreach
 Sanctuary Choir Reh.
 Collegiate Bible Study
 Yth. Bible Study/Worship
 Children's Missions
 FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Sept. 25

8:00 A.M. Mom's In Touch #177
 9:30 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
 Oper. Christmas Child Mtg. #175
 11:00 A.M. FBC-BCM Cookout
 6:15 P.M. Yth. Blue Volleyball
 6:15 P.M. Yth. Green Volleyball

Friday, Sept. 26

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 3:00 P.M. TBC Kid's Choral Connection-Clarksville

Saturday, Sept. 27

Sunday, Sept. 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 Adult Handbells
 Choirchimes
 4:30 P.M. Experiencing God #175
 5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
 Children's Bible Drill # 324
 Kid's Bible Drill #329
 Evening Worship

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