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Pastor's Heart



In this morning's portion of scripture we read God's gracious words, "Go in peace." Yet far too few of us are able to walk in the peace of God.

These words are not spoken merely once in the scriptures but make their way from the lips of God over and over again.

"Go in peace."

What is the key to such a contented and worry free life?

Certainly, the sure knowledge that God has taken care of our debt is essential. This week's financial crisis reminds us of the weight of unsecured debt. To know that we owe God the penalty of our sins is certain to rob us of our peace. But Christ has paid our debt and we are at peace with God — those who have trusted fully upon the Lord.

Peace is assured when we do not have to worry about our essential needs and the daily issues of life. And here too God has taken care of us. He clearly states that we are the most valued of creation and that He will provide for our every need both now and in the days to come.

Death may rob us of our peace, or more pointedly the fear of death may rob us of our living hope. But Jesus defeated death and now the Apostle can shout, "Death where is your victory?" Jesus died to prepare our place in eternity and to grant to us everlasting life.

Securing peace in all of these areas is dependent upon one thing. Peace is dependent upon *faith*. The more faith, the greater your faith, the more peace will reside in your life. The more you trust Jesus, the more worry flees.

This morning we will dig deep into this issue of God's love and your faith. Join me as we experience the divine peace that grows from a strong faith.

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

RA's Miles of Pennies

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

WMU Daytime Bible Study

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, October 7
9:30 a.m.
Room 143

Special speaker Betty Rush will share about her mission work in a closed country in the Pacific Rim area. Everyone is welcome.

Upward® Basketball and Cheerleading/ Devoted Basketball Prayer Partners

Do you have a few minutes each day to pray? People are needed as prayers partners for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading as well as Devoted Basketball. If you would be interested in partnering with these ministries in this way, please contact Colleen Cox at 526-7108.

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 28, 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

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Instrumental Prelude		John Wells, organ
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Song 359	"This Is the Day"	Garret
*Ascription of Praise	Psaln 118:19-24	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Adoration 204 "Glorious Is Thy Name"		GLORIOUS NAME
Song of Testimony (10:45)	"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"	arr. Hayes
	Sanctuary Choir	
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Assurance 410 "It Is Well with My Soul"		VILLE DU HAVRE
Message in Song	"Find Us Faithful"	Mohr
	Tammy Wilson	
WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD		
Sermon	"Searching for Faith"	Dr. Adkisson
	Luke 7:1-50	
*Song of Commitment	"God Will Make a Way"	Moen

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer
Larry Spain (8:15)
Ralph Mullins (10:45)
Worship with Tribes and Offerings

Offertory Music	"Amazing Grace"	arr. Wells
	John Wells, organ and Todd Arnold, piano	
	"To God Be the Glory" (10:45)	arr. Dickinson
	FBC Orchestra	
*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 Song 407	"Because He Lives"	refrain only
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Instrumental Prelude	"Nearer My God to Thee"	arr. Wallis
	Heart Strings Harp Ensemble	
	Par Butler, director	
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Gathering Song "How Can I Keep from Singing"	Tomlin/Redman/Cash	
*Hymn of Praise 16	"O Worship the King"	arr. Coates
Scripture Reading	1 Corinthians 12:1-6	James David Hammons
Song of Dedication	"Many Gifts, One Spirit"	Pote
	"Promises One by One"	arr. Mauldin
	Chi Rho Youth Choir	
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Song of Commitment 287	"Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord"	LANGLEY
Offertory Prayer		John Owens
Musical Offering	"Spirituals Medley"	arr. Rice
	Heart Strings Harp Ensemble	
*Benediction		
*Postlude		Remnant

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Mike Powers - Chief Deacon
Ed Griggs
John Zhu
David Overstreet
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Doug Winford

Wednesday Dinner - 10/01

Chicken pot pie, peas and carrots, salad, rolls, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 10/01

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

Extended Session - 09/28

Bed Babies - Fred & Amy Ray

Creepers/Toddlers - Marta Sliger, Jayne Larsen

2's - Russell & Shelley Fredley

3's - Chris & Sissy Vick

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$21,963.50
Difference from Goal	-\$7,824.15
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,317.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$23,280.50
Budget Goal to Date	\$357,451.85
Budget Gifts to Date	\$322,498.86
Difference from Goal	-\$34,952.99
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$300,620.10
Increase from Prior Year	\$21,878.76
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$11,077.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,671,473.63

Sunday School Attendance

September 21, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	63
Children	82
Youth	55
Adults	357
Total	560

College Choir meets tonight

Fourteen folks were present for the inaugural meeting of the NEW First Baptist collegiate choir last Sunday night. This newly-formed choir is open to all young adult college students. After a short discussion, the group decided to meet on Sunday nights following the evening worship service, which usually concludes by 7:00 p.m.

Minister of Music Dr. Jonathan Nelms and Music Ministry Intern Todd Arnold will share leadership of the choir.

Todd comments, "This is a great start to our college choir. Jonathan has said that First Baptist has a strong history of college choir ministry and I am glad to be a part of it."

Dr. Yoomi Paick will be accompanying the choir on piano.

A native of Seoul, Korea, Yoomi is teaching music composition this semester at Tennessee Tech. She loves the Lord and is thankful for this opportunity to serve.

"The organization of this choir is truly a response to an expressed need," Jonathan observes. "It is wonderful to see our Chi Rho Youth Choir Alumni so enthusiastic about this college choir. Their participation and the support of so many other students are great. I appreciate all that Bill (Stone) and (Neal & Melissa) Marcum are doing to grow our collegiate ministry."

After the opening discussion last Sunday night, the choir rehearsed for about 40 minutes. Likewise, weekly rehearsals will be held in the choir room and should conclude by 8:00 p.m. See Jonathan or Todd for more information.



The first meeting of the College Choir on Sunday, September 21.

Upward Emphasis set for Sunday, Oct. 5

The tipoff to **Upward® Basketball and Cheerleading** begins with registration starting on Wednesday, October 1. On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate with an Upward emphasis that will include testimonies and information about the ministry throughout the church.

The 2008-2009 season will feature a few changes in the Upward program. Kindergarten has been added. In this league, boys and girls play on the same team and practice and games are on the same day.

A youth league - Devoted Basketball - has been created for students in 7th-12th grade. Neal and Melissa Marcum are serving as directors of this program.

Bulletin Board



BIBLE STUDY

First Place

The Bible's way to weight loss

This 13-week course will begin Oct. 1.

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Room 145

For more information contact Debbie Ramsey at 854-0329.

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.



Upward® Basketball & Cheerleading

For Kindergarten-6th grade

Early registration cost for basketball is \$50 and early registration cost for cheerleading is \$53. After November 3 the cost goes up \$10. Deadline for registration is November 10. For more information, call the church office at 526-7108.



Devoted Basketball

For 7th-12th grade

The cost is \$25. Deadline for registration is November 10. For more information, call First Baptist Church at 526-7108.



CHILDREN

TeamKID

For Kindergarten-6th grade

Wednesday, Oct. 8 & Wednesday, Oct. 15

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Come enjoy this fun, high-energy ministry. Kids will learn life lessons through Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation.



Stewardship Verse

God uses money as a testimony in the lives of His people.

"But seek first His kingdom, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you."
Matthew 6:33

Weekly Activities

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
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Child's Bible Drill #324
Kid's Bible Drill #329
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. College Choir

Monday, Sept. 29

6:00 P.M. Pickup Basketball
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Sept. 30

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

Wednesday, Oct. 1

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. Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Collegiate Bible Study
Yth. Bible Study/
Worship
Children's Missions
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Oct. 2

8:00 A.M. Mom's In Touch
Prayer #177
9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
6:15 P.M. Yth. Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 3

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

Saturday, Oct. 4

7:00 P.M. TTU Football Game

Sunday, Oct. 5

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9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
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