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Upward offers many opportunities for service

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Today we celebrate the beginning of the 10th Upward® season at First Baptist Church with a special Upward emphasis. The focus this morning centers on reaching children, youth and young families for Christ. A video clip from Caz McCaslin, the founder of Upward, shows the importance of sharing the love of Christ with children.



Upward targets children in kindergarten through sixth grade. At FBC, we've created the opportunity to reach students in kindergarten through 12th grade with a youth-centered basketball league – Devoted Basketball – to go along with our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading program.

Opportunities abound for everyone to be involved in these two ministries. I have outlined below areas where you can be involved. Upward and Devoted leaders will be in the Central Lobby

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Pastor's Heart



We are taking some time this morning to emphasize Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. Through Upward, First Baptist has shared the gospel with 2,788 children and their families over the last nine years and may be the largest gospel witness seen in the Upper Cumberland.

It is exciting to think of the impact that Upward has had, and perhaps more exciting to think of the potential impact of this ministry in our community and church. Thousands of children and hundreds of volunteers have already been involved in the Upward ministry. This year will be no exception.

Colleen Cox has taken the leadership reigns for our Upward Ministry with the semi-retirement of Charlie Hutchinson and his transition to new responsibilities. Along with a strong leadership team for Basketball and Cheerleading, Colleen is excited about taking Upward to even greater heights of impact and new goals of reaching children for Jesus.

Along with hearing about opportunities for service with our recreation and children's ministries, this morning we will be hearing Jesus' heart concerning child and youth evangelism. God's word is very clear concerning the need for focus and priority upon our children, youth, and young families.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you again of our covenant to pray with and for one another over this next year. Remember to pray daily for the marriages of our church, for the power of God's pulpit and preacher, and for personal revival in our midst.

God wants to do great things for you and through you.

See you this morning in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Mission Opportunities

Deacons Meeting

Monday, October 6
5:30-7:00 p.m.

A light supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30.

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.

TeamKID

For Kindergarten-6th grade
Wednesday, October 8 & 15
6:00-7:30 p.m.
Family Life Center
Come enjoy this fun, high-energy ministry.

Life Chain

Sunday, October 5
2:00-3:00 p.m.
Parking lot Jefferson Ave.
Church of Christ
Sponsored by Putnam County
Right to Life. Come pray for the unborn.

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, OCTOBER 5, 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 | Dr. Jonathan Nelms |
| *Instrumental Prelude | "Be Thou My Vision" (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist | arr. Barker |
| Welcome | "I Need Thee Every Hour" (10:45) Praise Ringers Adult Handbell Team Todd Arnold, director | arr. Wagner |
| Emphasis on Recreational Ministry | Dr. Randall Adkisson | Colleen Cox |
| Upward Sports Ministry Video | | |
| Service Opportunities in Upward and Devoted Basketball Ministries | | |

*Moment for Christian Fellowship

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| *Song of Praise | "Open the Eyes of My Heart" | Baloché |
| *Responsive Reading | Revelation 4:8, 11 | Dr. Nelms |
| *Hymn of Adoration 2 | "Holy, Holy, Holy" | NICAIA |
| *Message in Song (10:45) | "For Your Pleasure" Sanctuary Choir | arr. Fertke |
| *Pastoral Prayer | Dr. Adkisson | |
| Testimony in Song (8:15) | "His Life for Mine" Shana Pardue | Talley |

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

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| *Hymn of Illumination (10:45) | "Speak, O Lord" | Getty/Townend |
| Sermon | "Bring Them" Mark 10:13-16 | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Song of Commitment 305 | "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" | ASSAM |

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

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| Offertory Prayer | David Hurcherson (8:15) Ron Kinser (10:45) |
| Worship with Tithes and Offerings | |
| Offertory Music | "Wonderful Peace" (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist |
| | arr. Wyrzten |
| *Presentation of Offering | |
| *Doxology | "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" |
| Sharing Spiritual Decisions | "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" (10:45) FBC Orchestra |
| Commissioning Prayer for Disaster Relief Team | arr. Barker |

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

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| *Statements of Affirmation | |
| *Departing Chorus 407 | "Because He Lives" |
| *Postlude | refrain only |

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Ed Spilman given by Dinah, Carol, Jim and Bob Spilman.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

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| Prelude | Remnant |
| Welcome | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Song of Praise | Tomlin/Giglio |
| *Hymn of Praise 3 | "Holy Is the Lord" |
| Song of Dedication | "Worthy of Worship" |
| Sermon | JUDSON |
| *Song of Commitment | "Made to Worship" Remnant |
| *Offertory Prayer | Tomlin/Sharp/Cash |
| Musical Offering | Dr. Adkisson |
| Benediction | "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" |
| *Postlude | Remnant |
| | BEACH SPRING |
| | Dr. Adkisson |
| | Instrumentalists |

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Howard Stephenson - Chief Deacon
Gordon Vasseur
Neil Alcorn
Tim Collins
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Fred Vossel

Wednesday Dinner - 10/08

Taco salad bar, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 10/08

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

Extended Session - 10/06

Bed Babies - Peggy Semmes,
Carol Joyner

Creepers/Toddlers - Margaret Atkins,
Pat Chancy

2's - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

3's - Amanda Keeton, Linda Chappell

Budget

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| Budget Goal per Week | \$29,787.65 |
| Budget Gifts this Week | \$18,287.66 |
| Difference from Goal | -\$11,499.99 |
| Total Designated Gifts | \$1,559.00 |
| Total Gifts this Week | \$19,846.66 |
| Budget Goal to Date | \$387,239.50 |
| Budget Gifts to Date | \$340,786.52 |
| Difference from Goal | -\$46,452.98 |
| Budget Gifts to Date Last Year | \$336,019.63 |
| Increase from Prior Year | \$4,766.89 |
| Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date | \$11,843.77 |
| Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts | \$2,672,239.63 |

Sunday School Attendance

September 28, 2008

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| General Officers | 4 |
| Preschool | 58 |
| Children | 70 |
| Youth | 55 |
| Adults | 372 |
| Total | 559 |

Kids make connection at Kids Choral Connection

Eighteen children and adults from First Baptist Church attended the Kid's Choral Connection in Clarksville, Tennessee last weekend. This annual two-day event for singers in 4th-6th grades is sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

TBC Music and Worship Specialist Paul Clark said this about the event..."From the looks on the expressive faces of nearly 400 children, and from the gorgeous sounds of harmony and enthusiastic energy expressed in rhythm, the 'choral connection' was made at 'Kids Choral Connection' last weekend in Clarksville at Hilldale Baptist Church.

"Certainly, the 'kids' had fun during times of celebration and fellowship in the hallways, sitting eating pizza together, and in the hotel lobbies. But, there is little doubt that young minds were also marked with memories of the sounds of singing God's praise with that many young voices blended together into touching sounds of beautiful music."

Special thanks to Tracy Luna who drove the bus and Bethany Timmerman and Bobbie Gist who worked out the details of the trip.

Glenda Nelms said "It was a great event and the kids loved it! We had a wonderful time together."

T.J. Timmerman was one of the soloists selected for the recording of a compact disc at the event. Zack Scott and Genna Jones will also be featured on scripture readings between the songs on the recording, which will include five songs and hymns in addition to the readings. Everyone who participated in the event will receive one of the CD's.

Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms expresses his appreciation for the preschool and children's choir ministry. "All of our church choirs are excellent opportunities for spiritual growth, fellowship, worship, and service. Especially at this young age, we must provide music and worship experiences that are theologically sound, developmentally appropriate, and led by the Holy Spirit. The Kid's Choral Connection meets these criteria and encourages the continuing spiritual development of our children. Thanks to all who made this event a success."



Genna Jones (from left), T.J. Timmerman and Zach Scott will be featured on a CD from the Kids Choral Connection.

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following both services for you to speak with about or to sign up for these opportunities. Also, player applications for both leagues are available in the Central Lobby.

- Prayer commissioner - The prayer commissioner will oversee the prayer ministry of the league. The prayer commissioner recruits 10 prayer captains, who in turn will each recruit nine prayer partners. The prayer commissioner will gather the official list of prayer requests and share these with the prayer partners. This commissioner also organizes the Upward Awards Celebration prayer room.
- Prayer partners - A prayer partner commits to pray on a daily basis for listed requests. Prayer partners are also asked to attend the Upward Awards Celebration.
- Devotions commissioner - The devotion commissioner schedules devotions for halftime of every game during the season. The devotion commissioner should recruit eight devotion captains, one for each week of games. The devotion commissioner develops the schedule for game-day devotion leaders.
- Devotion leader - A devotion leader shares a 3-5 minute testimony or devotion with the crowd during halftime of a game and then closes the time with prayer.
- Division commissioners - Division commissioners oversee one specific division (Kindergarten; 1st-2nd grade boys; 1st-2nd grade girls; 3rd-4th grade boys; 3rd-4th grade girls; 5th-6th grade boys; 5th-6th grade girls). Division commissioners help recruit head coaches for their respective divisions. The division commissioners serve as spokespeople for coaches, parents and players in their respective division.
- Coaches - All coaches must attend a coaches training on either Saturday, November 15 or Monday, November 17. Coaches will have one practice (one-hour) per week and one game (one hour) per week. Coaches share a devotion from their coaches book with the players at each practice and award game-day stars after each game. You don't have to know basketball to be a coach.
- Referees - Referees must attend a training session. The referee gathers both teams and cheerleading squads for a brief word of prayer before each game. Referees are the highest authority figure for the players on the court and in Upward they serve as a coach on the floor. Coaches serve as referees in the kindergarten division.
- Snack bags - After each game, teams enjoy snacks as they are awarded game-day stars. This season the plan is to have uniform snack bags provided for each team. People will be needed during the week to help put these bags together.
- Greeters - A big part of these ministries is making families feel welcome at First Baptist Church. Greeters work in the gym lobby area, talking to families as they enter for games on Friday night and Saturday.
- Concession workers - This season marks the beginning of a concession stand in the gym lobby. People will be needed on Friday night and Saturday to take a shift in the concession stand. Anyone interested should see Ron and Jenny Kinser.
- Yard signs - Upward created an Advertising Accelerator Kit this season, featuring 50 yard signs and 500 business cards. These yard signs and business cards are a great way to get the word out to the community. People are needed to put these signs in their yard.



Sharon and Kelsey Smith share the gospel during halftime of an Upward game last season.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Oct. 5

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
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. College Choir
YAC Fellowship @ Cox's

Monday, Oct. 6

1:00 P.M. Open Gym
5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Oct. 7

9:30 A.M. WOM Day Group
10:00 A.M. 55+ Daytime Bible Study #177
1:00 P.M. Youth Bowling
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Wednesday, Oct. 8

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Yth. Choir
First Place #145
6:00 P.M. TeamKID
Yth. Pizza & Movie
6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Collegiate Bible Study
7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Oct. 9

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
Samaritan's Pur. Mtg.
11:00 A.M. Yth. Hike/Picnic
1:00 P.M. Open Gym
6:15 P.M. Yth. Blue Volleyball
7:00 P.M. Yth. Green Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 10

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Saturday, Oct. 11

Sunday, Oct. 12

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. NO Music Rehearsals
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. NO College Choir

Scripture Memory

There are six things which the LORD hates, Yes, seven which are an abomination to Him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that run rapidly to evil, a false witness who utters lies, and one who spreads strife among brothers. Proverbs 6:16-19



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