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Pastor's Heart



Deacons have an important place in the life of the church. They serve as fellow ministers with your staff. The *Deacon Manual* states: **“Our purpose is to function as servants of our Lord Jesus Christ serving in and through the church as partners with the Pastor in enabling the church to fulfill its kingdom agenda.”**

In accordance with scripture the vision of the deacon body is expressed as: **“We the Deacons of First Baptist Church feel led of the Lord to express our deacon ministry by serving as ministers who seek to meet specific needs of our congregation according to our individual gifts and abilities.”**

Deacons are not and cannot be perfect (any more than your pastor). But your active deacons have made a commitment to be strong men of God striving to grow in and serve the Lord.

Today, they are renewing their commitment to you and standing before you so that you will know who they are. A copy of their commitment (which is taken directly from the deacon's manual) is being signed and presented to each active deacon as a symbol of their commitment of ministry for the 2008-2009 deacon year.

A copy of that section of the deacon manual is also available to each member this morning or may be viewed on the church's web page. Join me in thanking God for the willingness of these men to serve the Lord and our church. Let's celebrate that commitment this morning and show our appreciation to each of them for their willingness to serve.

I believe strongly that God calls us to participate in our government and in our elections. It is essential that we vote and that we vote prayerfully and biblically. The **Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention** has put together a good informational brochure to help you determine where the two major parties' stand on issues.

The information is not a commentary but consists of wording straight from each party's national platform. The comparisons are given side by side on issues such as energy, life, civil rights, appointment of judges, etc.

You can find the information *free* on the web by going to iVoteValues.com and clicking the tab for **Party Platforms & Comparison Guide** found toward the top of the page. I encourage you to be a praying, thinking, voting believer in this important election. If you do not have a computer and Internet access, you can order a brochure from Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission by calling (800) 475-9127.

See you this morning in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Remember your commitment to pray daily for:

- 1) Strength and healing for our marriages
- 2) Our pastor and for power in the pulpit
- 3) Revival (humility, heart, health)



Mission Opportunities

Mission Trips

If you are interested in the February 12-24 trip to India or the May 22-30 trip to St. Kitts, see Steve Farris right away. Space is limited.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading™/Devoted Basketball

Volunteers are still need for many positions within Upward and Devoted, including prayer commissioner, prayer partners, coaches and referees. If you would like to join the race to the heart of a child, contact Colleen Cox at 526-7108.

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child boxes will be available Nov. 2 & 9 in the Central Lobby and Tower Entrance. Collection week is November 17-24.

OCC Secret Shopper

Operation Christmas Child has someone that is going to be our “secret shopper” again this year! If you aren't able to go out and shop for your shoebox child, she will go and fill a box for you. Let Joyce Raines or Brenda Spain know if we can be of assistance to you.

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 Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*
 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 26, 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*.

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Gathering Hymn 4	“To God Be the Glory”	Crosby/Doane
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Song 22	“Bless His Holy Name”	Crouch
*Hymn of Praise 176	“Fairest Lord Jesus”	CRUSADERS' HYMN
*Chorus of Devotion 177	“There's Something About That Name”	Gaither
Scripture Reading (10:45)	Isaiah 55:8-11	Nancy Knowlton
Anthem (10:45)	“This Is My Word”	Chopin
Sanctuary Choir		
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Mission 392	“Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father”	MADILL
Testimony in Song (8:15)		Ginny Gaddy
Sermon	“High Standing and Great Confidence” 1 Timothy 3:13	Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Commitment 486	“Lord, Here Am I”	BECK
Offertory Prayer		Gordon Vasseur (8:15) Lonnie Donaldson (10:45)
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Music	“Change My Heart, O God” (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist	arr. Innes
	“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” (10:45)	arr. Dickinson
	FBC Orchestra	

*Presentation of Offering		
*Doxology 253	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	OLD 100th
Sharing Spiritual Decisions		
*Statements of Affirmation		
*Departing Chorus 648	“Go With God”	Forbis
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Linda Wittingham given by Chris, Debbie, Alex and Lily Wittingham.

Prelude		SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM	Instrumentalists
Welcome			Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Gathering Hymn 231	“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”		MADRID
*Responsive Reading	Psalm 71:22-24		Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Hymn of Praise 216	“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”		AZMON
*Song of Devotion 217	“Oh, How I Love Jesus”		Whitfield
Sermon			Dr. Adkisson
*Song in Invitation	“Come Just As You Are”		Sabolick
*Offertory Prayer			Greg Steeves
Musical Offering	“Fill-a-Me Up” Chi Rho Youth Choir		Chopin
Rebecca Emrich and Matt Siger, soloists			
*Sharing Spiritual Decisions			
Choral Benediction	“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Chi Rho Youth Choir		Lutkin
*Postlude			Instrumentalists

Immediately after this service there will be a church-wide Pastors Appreciation Reception in the fellowship hall. There will be boxes available for each minister if you would like to bring a card or note of encouragement or appreciation. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to attend.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Barry Clouse - Chief Deacon
Chris Wilson
Jack Mattson
Richard Newman
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Bob Weatherholt

Wednesday Dinner - 10/29

Bar B Que chicken, cream corn, broccoli casserole, salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 10/29

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Donaldson, Ann Hertzfeldt, Barbara Clouse
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey

Extended Session - 10/26

Bed Babies - Martha Timmons, Connie Taylor

Creepers/Toddlers - Mike & Tiffany Gentry

2's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

3's - Chris & Barbara Gaby

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$29,639.58
Difference from Goal	-\$148.07
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,612.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$31,251.58
Budget Goal to Date	\$476,602.46
Budget Gifts to Date	\$426,970.86
Difference from Goal	-\$49,631.60
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$425,317.75
Increase from Prior Year	\$1,653.11
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$14,935.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,675,331.63

Sunday School Attendance

October 19, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	52
Children	61
Youth	48
Adults	342
Total	507



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Who are your deacons?

By Greg Steeves
Deacon Chairman

You have probably noticed that a number of Deacons take up the offering each worship service. But have you ever wondered, "What else do Deacons do?" or "How did these men become Deacons at this church?"

There are more than forty Deacons actively serving at First Baptist Church. This 'body' of Deacons has a number of specific ministries that include: hospital visitation, ministry to widows, making contact with visitors to our church, prayer ministry, serving the Lord's Supper, greeting and serving in the worship services, helping with the annual picnic, organizing and serving a church-wide breakfast.

In addition to these Deacon-specific ministries, many Deacons teach Sunday School classes, serve on committees and take other servant-leadership roles in the church.

Deacons are expected to be: maturing Christians and growing disciples; an example reflecting Christian values in conduct and behavior; positive wit-

nesses for Christ; church members that participate actively in worship services and other church functions; faithful stewards - giving at least a tithe; giving generously of time, talents and spiritual gifts; a knowledgeable Baptist; involved working cooperatively with the other Deacons; one who attends Deacons' meetings regularly to help plan and to make themselves available for Deacon ministry activities.

The Deacons are called by God and elected by the church body. They must meet scriptural and church requirements. They are accountable to God. They are accountable to the church body. They are accountable to each other.

At our October meeting, mindful of this calling, the Deacon Body decided together to stand before you this morning to reaffirm our commitment to the ministry we've been called to and the personal expectations that are outlined in our deacon manual. We ask that you pray for us as we seek to serve you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and with Him as our model and guide.

Care Center update and upcoming events

By Mike Head
Associate Pastor for Administration

In January our church voted to join a collaboration of churches dedicated to meeting physical and spiritual needs in our community through the Care Center located on Short Street. Through September 30 the Care Center has:

- Received 2,787 client applications
- Served 8,108 people
- Fed 7,535
- Distributed 2,944 boxes of food
- Assisted with Rent, Utilities, and Gasoline

These statistics show a wonderful, caring ministry to meet physical needs. The more wonderful statistic is that during these nine months, 66 people have prayed to receive Christ as Savior and Lord. Lives are being touched, lives are being changed, and we are given an opportunity to Engage ourselves through the Care Center Ministry. During the month of November we have an enormous opportunity to be Engaged through this ministry.

On Tuesday evening, November 25, the Care Center will provide Thanksgiving meals to over 3,000 recipients. Individuals will call the center and give names and addresses requesting these meals. In addition to those who call in, meals will be delivered to the Cookeville Rescue Mission, local police and fire stations, and CRMC staff. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Volunteers are needed to purchase and cook turkeys and pies; prepare the boxes for delivery, and deliver the meals. I will have an information sheet and sign-up sheet available next Sunday.

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 is doing.

Pink Sunday



October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and today has been designated as "Pink Sunday". We have joined with *Susan G. Komen for the Cure* to promote breast cancer awareness and education and to celebrate the lives of those who have fought against breast cancer.

In 2008, it is estimated that 182,460 women and 1,990 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Early detection saves lives.

After today's service, pink ribbons will be given out at the door and packets of information will be available in the central lobby.

Bulletin Board

MEETING

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 29

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Agenda: Constitution and Bylaws Committee bringing a motion regarding Church Council; Personnel Committee bringing a motion to update personnel policies and procedures; Deacon nomination for moderator and vice-moderator; elect messengers to Stone Association Annual Meeting; elect messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

CHILDREN

Day trip to Amazin' Acres

Tuesday, November 4

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Cost: \$5 for 11 and under; \$6 for 12 and up

Kindergarten through sixth graders enjoy this break from school with a trip to Amazin' Acres. Bring a sack lunch. The church will provide drinks. It will cost an additional \$1-2 for a pumpkin. Sign up and pay in the church office by Sunday, November 2.

HAPPY TRAVELERS

Mystery Trip

November 18

You will enjoy a truly unique dining experience as you join us for the day Mystery Trip November 18. We will leave the church at 10:00am and lunch is at 1:00pm. We will return to Cookeville around 5:00pm. Cost is \$20 per person with final sign-up Sunday November 2. Call Notie at 520-7051 or 267-9822 to get your name on the list. Money is due when you sign up.

WOMEN

Upper Cumberland Women's Conference

Saturday, January 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Avery Trace Auditorium

Featuring Chonda Pierce, Lisa Harper & Stephanie McKenna
Early Bird Registration before Nov. 24 is \$25 for the conference only and \$40 for the conference and lunch with Chonda. Lunch is limited to the first 250. For more information on the conference, visit www.livingisforeternity.com.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Oct. 26

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Praise Ringers
Choirchimes

5:00 P.M.

Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
Kid's Bible Drill

6:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
College Choir Rehearsal
Pastors Appreciation Reception

Monday, Oct. 27

5:30 P.M. WOM Night Group
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Oct. 28

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

Wednesday, Oct. 29

11:30 A.M. Brown Bag Bible Study Cafe

3:00 P.M. FLC Open

5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Yth. Choir
Youth on Mission
Children's Choirs
First Place #143

5:30 P.M. World Craft Party-Café
Committee on Com #175
Stewardship #177

6:30 P.M. Missions Com. #145

6:30 P.M. Quarterly Bus. Mtg.
Sanctuary Choir Reh.

6:30 P.M. Collegiate Bible Study
Yth. Crosstraining
Children's Missions

7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Oct. 30

9:00 A.M. Happy Tones to Standing Stone

9:30 A.M. CBS

6:15 P.M. Yth. Volleyball Green

8:30 P.M. Yth. Volleyball Blue

Friday, Oct. 31

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

6:00 P.M. Youth Hallelujah Party @ Baranowski's

Saturday, Nov. 1

Sunday, Nov. 2

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 P.M. College Lunch

2:00 P.M. Service of Remembrance-Chapel
Orchestra

4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers
Choirchimes

5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
Kid's Bible Drill

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. College Choir