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Pastor's Heart



We have a new President-elect. What now? Whether you are pleased with the outcome, dissatisfied, angry, delighted, at peace, or fearful, as a believer you have clear mandates from God's word concerning your response to the election.

First: Pray for the President. The scripture is clear on this. 1 Timothy 2:1-3 says, "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, *for kings and all who are in authority*, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." Pray then for President-elect Obama. Ask God to lead him, protect him, and grant him wisdom.

Many rulers have failed because of the advisors with which they surrounded themselves. Pray that President Obama will choose wise and good advisors, people of integrity and understanding. Pray that those who influence the president will be led of the Lord. Where he is wrong, pray God will send those to effectively confront him. Where he is correct, pray that God will send many to encourage him.

Second: Trust in the Lord. God is in control as much today as yesterday, as much this year as in years past. Romans 8:28 is God's word and God's promise. God's providence prevails and He often uses unlikely people to bring about His purposes. I strongly disagree with many of the moral positions taken by our government and our courts. Abortion is a sinful tragedy of unimaginable proportions. Gay marriage is an abomination. These are not political positions for me, but Biblical ones.

Yet, God knows our nation and our ruler's hearts. Where I may have little or no control, He is in control. Proverbs reminds us, "The king's heart is like channels of water in the hand of the LORD; He turns it wherever He wishes." (Proverbs 21:1)

Third: Submit unto the government's authority. Romans 13:1 reminds us that we are to be subject to our government seeing it as "established by God." This does not mean that everything the government does is correct nor that we are to place our submission to government above our submission to God's word, but it does mean that we are to walk under the government's authority unless it conflicts with the word of God. Jesus said, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." (Luke 20:25)

Four: Honor the new president. This may be hard for some but again the scriptures are clear. "Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, *honor the king.*" (1Peter 2:13-17)

Watch your words, your jokes, your remarks to one another. The Lord is

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Mission Opportunities

Information on Thanksgiving Meal for Care Center

Turkeys - Turkeys need to be cooked, de-boned, sliced and cooled. Place it in a disposable container or a zip lock bag and bring it to Stevens Street Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, November 25.

Pies - Pies should be the non-refrigerated kind. Please bake and slice them (8 slices per pie) and bring them to the Stevens Street Baptist Church Fellowship Hall between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 25.

Delivery Teams - Please bring a large cooler with you. The coolers keep the food hot longer thus increasing the amount of time that it is safe to consume. Those who are available early in the day need to arrive at 3:30 p.m. Otherwise arrive when you get off work. Anyone delivering or picking up meals will come to the delivery table first to receive your delivery assignment. If there are people in your church who are not available until after 6:00, please encourage them to still come. We still need many people to help with clean up also. Our goal is to be finished by 8:00.

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, NOVEMBER 9, 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
 *Invocation Hymn 18 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" WARRENTON
 Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Praise Chorus "Sing Hallelujah" Sassen
 Anthem "Praise Him!" Courtney
 Glenda Nelms and Tammy Wilson (8:15)
 Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

Responsive Reading Psalm 145:1-3, 21 Dr. Nelms
 *Hymn 14 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOB DEN HERREN
 *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
 *Prayer Song "Speak, O Lord" Gety/Townend

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "God Hears, God Cares" Dr. Adkisson
 Isaiah 38:1-6

*Invitation Hymn 317 "Only Trust Him" STOCKTON

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer Dimas Aranda (8:15)
 Mike Powers (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" Humber/Carnes
 Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
 *Presentation of Offering
 *Doxology 27 LASST UNS ERFREUEN
 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
 Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation
 *Departing Song 579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" chorus only
 *Postlude Instrumentalists
The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Cleston Hunter given by Stephen, Sheila, Stacie and Jo Hunter.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Remnant
 Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
 *Song of Praise "Sing to the King" Foote
 *Responsive Reading "Light the Fire" Maxwell
 *Song of Revival "What Wondrous Love is This" arr. Cottrell
 *Hymn of Devotion "What Wondrous Love is This"
 Sermon Dr. Adkisson
 *Commitment Song "Knowing You" Kendrick
 *Offertory Prayer Greg Steeves
 Musical Offering "Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Schaum
 Keith Adkisson, pianist
 *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
 *Closing Prayer Dr. Adkisson
 *Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ted Jernigan - Chief Deacon
John Zhu
Donnie King
Robert Fuller
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Dimas Aranda

Wednesday Dinner - 11/12

Soup and salad, cornbread, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 11/12

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

Extended Session - 11/09

Bed Babies - Phyllis Stephens,
Martha Powers

Creepers - Mary Ann Bayless

Toddlers - Cathy McCall

2's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

3's - Kent & Linda Frisbee

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$34,787.16
Difference from Goal	+\$4,999.51
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,758.15
Total Gifts this Week	\$37,545.31
Budget Goal to Date	\$536,177.77
Budget Gifts to Date	\$475,413.60
Difference from Goal	-\$60,764.17
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$470,713.75
Increase from Prior Year	\$4,699.85
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$17,377.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,677,773.63

Sunday School Attendance

November 2, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	63
Children	71
Youth	64
Adults	372
Total	574



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Two mission projects in one

By Brenda Spain
OCC Director

Last Sunday was a great day of people picking up the Operation Christmas Child boxes! There are less than 100 left. Our church's goal is 600.

The dual project is donations for Hot Wheels, donated by Steve Farris, for the printing of a Bible in the Bhutanese language. This would be the first Bible written in their language! Can you imagine not ever being able to read our precious Bible?



Please be very generous and help support this wonderful mission project. There are approximately 45 cars left for you to choose from.

They will be at the Operation Christmas Child tables along with the boxes.

On Sunday, November 16 we will have our shoebox dedication. Please bring your box and lay it on the altar after the offering is taken up. This was a very special and moving service last year.

Remember to pray for the child receiving your box and to write them a note. You might want to put a self addressed envelope in your box. I have heard of people getting letters back.

God bless each of you. Oh, how it excites me to hear that children want to fill their own box.

Upper Cumberland Women's Conference

By Nancy Knowlton
CPC Director

The Upper Cumberland Women's Conference, L.I.F.E. Conference 2009, is coming to Avery Trace Middle School on January 10. So why are we talking about it now?



Well because everyone likes to save money and everyone who registers through November 24 saves \$10 off the registration fee.

The Upper Cumberland Women's Conference originated here at First Baptist Church in 2000. The conference has grown into a regional event that benefits the Crisis Pregnancy Center (now called the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic).

Each year women from different backgrounds, denominations, and socioeconomic levels join together for a day of worship, fellowship and the one thing that unites us all - a love for the one true God! The Upper Cumberland Women's Conference is an opportunity to bring women together to hear talented speakers and great music, and it's all happening close to home.

The conference is being held in the ATMS auditorium. The doors open at 8:00 a.m. and the event will run from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This year's speakers are Chonda

Pierce, Lisa Harper and Stephanie McKenna. Last year Chonda shared her clean humor and brought a genuine story of God's redeeming love and grace. It was an afternoon that was, to say the least, life inspiring.

Lisa Harper is back again this year. She is a gifted communicator whose writing and speaking overflows with colorful pop culture references that connect the dots between the Bible era and modern life.

The third guest for the event is Stephanie McKenna, a talented musician and songwriter who started writing songs at age five. She has one album

Come Be with Me and is working on a new project that will be out in 2009. In addition, Zamar, a group from the River Community Church, will be providing the praise and worship music throughout the event.

A registration table will be set up in the Central Lobby or you can register online by visiting our website at www.livingisforeternity.com. The early registration cost for the conference only is \$25 and conference plus lunch with Chonda is \$40. After November 24 the registration fee goes up \$10. Lunch with Chonda is limited to the first 250 registrants.



Bulletin Board

SPORTS / RECREATION



Upward Basketball & Cheerleading™

For Kindergarten-6th grade
Monday is the last day to sign up for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. The cost for basketball is \$50 and for cheerleading is \$53.

Devoted Basketball

For 7th-12th grade
Monday is the last day to sign up for Devoted Basketball. The cost is \$25.



YOUTH

Connect Youth Rally

November 23-24



6:00-7:30 p.m. nightly @ First Baptist Church
Guest preacher is Centrifuge Camp Pastor Chad Poe and special music will be by Centrifuge worship leaders, The Jason Lovins Band. Fliers are available in the church office and youth department. Please take them and post them in the community and give others to students at school.

MUSIC

Thanksgiving Musical

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Come enjoy all the children's choirs and the youth choir.

Seasonal Singers

Do you like to sing Christmas carols? If so, then you're invited to join the Sanctuary Choir as a seasonal singer. These singers are asked to make a six week commitment to rehearse with the choir and sing in a festival of Christmas music on Sunday, December 14. Simply come to rehearsal next Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.



RESERVATIONS

Thanksgiving Meal

Wednesday, November 19

If you do not have standing reservations for Wednesday night supper, please make your reservations for the Thanksgiving meal by Thursday, November 13. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for a child's tray. **There is no family maximum for this meal.**



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listening and He has declared that we are to honor our leaders as a matter of obedience to God. Our submission to authority is an effective witness for God. Our prayers are effective in bringing about the work of God.

"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles

7:14)

In the end, it is not nearly so important who is our president as who is our God and who are God's people.

I prayed for Presidents Bush. I prayed for President Clinton. I am praying for President-elect Obama. I will not always agree with him, but I will strive to honor him in his position.

"God grant us peace and grace. Give us the leaders you desire. Protect us from the leaders we often deserve. Amen"

See you this morning in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Nov. 9

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
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 Reh.

Monday, Nov. 10

6:00 P.M. Upward Evaluation
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Nov. 11

8:45 A.M. MDO
10:00 A.M. Senior Adult Bible Study #177

Wednesday, Nov. 12

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. Committee on Committees # 175

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir Reh.

Collegiate Bible Study
Yth. Crosstraining
Children's Missions
FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Nov. 13

9:00 A.M. Happy Tones
9:30 A.M. CBS

6:15 P.M. Yth. Volleyball Tourney

Friday, Nov. 14

8:45 A.M. MDO

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

3:30 P.M. Chi Rho Choir

Fall Retreat

Saturday, Nov. 15

9:00 A.M. Upward Coach/Referee Training

Sunday, Nov. 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
3:00 P.M. Churchwide Outreach
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Praise Ringers
Choirchimes

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

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