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Pastor's Heart



I attended the Tennessee Baptist Convention this week at First Baptist Church in Hendersonville. Pastors and laypeople from across the state joined together for this annual session of business, reports, and preaching.

It was a quiet meeting in terms of conflict or controversy. There was essential agreement on the election of officers, a new mission partnership in Africa, and on a new prayer strategy for evangelism in Tennessee.

By the way, the prayer strategy adopted by the TBC looks remarkably similar to the strategy which we have adopted seeking to pray for specific individuals that God has placed within our lives. I hope you are praying for someone specific to be specifically saved.

As noted at the convention, God's people will send names across the globe via Internet and add names to prayer lists asking God to intervene with healing, but we hardly mention or become engaged in praying for the lost and salvation.

This is an exciting and busy time of the year. Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years give us many opportunities to invite others to special services of worship. In the next several weeks we have the Connect Youth Revival, a joint Thanksgiving Service, and special Christmas Musical and Tasting Party. Take time to bring someone with you.

Final note: in these difficult economic times, I am thankful for the faithful giving of God's people at First Baptist. I heard reports of a drop in income at the Tennessee Baptist Convention and of many churches that are behind in giving from the previous year.

We actually have been about 1% ahead in giving over the same period last year at First Baptist. That's great! Especially in these days.

Still, these are hard times for many in our congregation too. Make sure that you are praying for one another. Pray for steady jobs and for new opportunities for those who have lost a job. Be faithful to God during these times as a matter of practical faith. His blessings are accrued in good and bad times, and the scripture reminds us that He is the source of our security.

Finally, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." (Prov. 3:5-6) These are not easy platitudes but the sure promise of the word of God.

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

Church Outreach

Sunday, November 16 & 23
3:00 p.m.

We need you to help us welcome newcomers to Cookeville by joining a team and giving newcomers a welcome package. Everyone can participate. Bring your entire family.

WMU Night Bible Study

Monday, November 17
5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite cookies and join us for our annual cookie swap. We will be taking cookies to nursing homes.

Marriage Enrichment

Sunday, December 7
12:30-4:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

There is a nominal cost of \$20 per couple, which includes lunch and *The Five Love Languages* materials. Register by coming by the church office.

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

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 16, 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	Tracy Luna
*Gathering Song	"As We Gather"	Faye/Coomes
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Chorus 359	"This Is the Day"	Garrett
*Hymn 227	"Praise Him! Praise Him!	JOYFUL SONG
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Choir Anthem (10:45)	"Come, Meet Jesus at the Well"	Kaiser
	Sanctuary Choir	
	Tracy Luna, guest conductor	
*Hymn of Devotion	"As the Deer"	Nystrom

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "Are You Ready for the Long Journey" Dr. Adkisson
Matthew 2:1-3; Genesis 12:1-3

*Commitment Song "Change My Heart, O God" Espinosa

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Boxes Brenda Spain
Dedictory and Offertory Prayer Harold Garrett (8:15)
John Zhu (10:45)
Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music "Hymns of Jesus" arr. Paek
Hear Strings Harp Ensemble
Pat Butler, director

*Presentation of Offering
*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH
Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation
*Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell"
*Postlude
Instrumentalists

The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Joe Farley given by Jean Farley, Cindy Burton and Family and Susan Johnson and Family.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude		Remnant
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Praise Song	"Let Everything That Has Breath"	Redman
*Responsive Psalm	Psalm 150:1-2, 6	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Hymn 36	"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"	HYFRYDOL
Message in Song	"The Power of the Cross"	Gety/Townend
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Commitment Song	"Hungry"	Scott
Offertory Prayer		Bronn Rayne
Musical Offering	"Blest Are They" College Choir	Haas
	Todd Arnold, director and Yoomi Paick, pianist	
*Sharing Spiritual Decisions		
*Choral Benediction	"Jude Benediction" College Choir	arr. Hayes
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Jim Viar - Chief Deacon
Dimas Aranda
Jack Mattson
Van Sliger
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Harold Garrett

Wednesday Dinner - 11/19

Thanksgiving meal: turkey, dressing and all the trimmings

Wednesday Volunteers - 11/19

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown, Mr. & Mrs. Mike Head, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Joyner, Steve Farris, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Donaldson, Mr. & Mrs. Charlie Hutchinson
5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Griggs, Ruth Ann Southerlan, Janet Elliot, Pastor Randy Adkisson, Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey, Mr. & Mrs. Burley Cannon

Extended Session - 11/16

Bed Babies - Shelia Rich, Viviane Davis
Creepers - Melanie Hutcherson
Toddlers - Marcie McMeans
2's - Mike Wilson, Rose Collins
3's - David & Michelle Price

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$21,629.87
Difference from Goal	-\$8,157.78
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,097.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$23,726.87
Budget Goal to Date	\$565,965.42
Budget Gifts to Date	\$497,043.47
Difference from Goal	-\$68,921.95
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$503,816.86
Decrease from Prior Year	\$6,773.39
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$18,714.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,679,110.63

Sunday School Attendance

November 9, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	59
Children	70
Youth	53
Adults	373
Total	558



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CONNECT Rally coming to FBC November 23-24

By Bill Stone

Associate Pastor of Youth/Collegiate

Area youth ministers had the privilege of planning and now First Baptist has the privilege of hosting a regional student rally/revival next week. This event is co-sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Stone Association of Southern Baptists, and two other associations in our "cluster group".

The CONNECT Rally will begin each night at 6:00 p.m. and conclude by 7:30 p.m. Students will be involved through praying for lost friends and inviting them to come to each night of the rally where they will have opportunities to respond to the Gospel message proclaimed through sermon, music, and drama.

Hence CONNECT — one student reaching/connecting with another student. Not only is this an excellent opportunity for Christian students to be actively involved in outreach, but they too will be challenged, encouraged, and equipped.

The guest preacher will be Chad Poe of Motion Ministries. Chad lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee with his wife and young son. Chad serves as camp pastor in the summers at various Centrifuge camps across the country. FBC has been to one such camp where Chad

was pastor, plus he served as a Bible study leader for one of our Disciple Now Weekends in the late 1990s. Chad is an energetic, dynamic, and creative communicator of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The guest praise band will be the Jason Lovins Band from Ashland, KY. The band is comprised of Jason Lovins, Phillip Abbot, Anthony Tackett, and Jeremy Wolfe. Each of these men loves the Lord and sharing Him with all people, especially students. Their music lifts one's spirit and voice in praise. They play a variety of music styles — soft/light rock sound to southern gospel. They have songs that will appeal to all tastes in worship music. The guys will also share their personal testimonies.

First Baptist first met the Jason Lovins Band at Centrifuge Camp this past July in Panama City Beach, FL. Our youth and adults loved and connected with them immediately. I'm certain you will too.

This CONNECT Rally is open to everyone. There is, of course, a special emphasis on reaching our youth and students, but also parents, families, and leaders. Join me in praying that this event will be a powerful tool in reaching people in our area with the life-changing message of love, hope, and transformation that is found only in Jesus Christ.

Remember, the CONNECT Rally is November 23-24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Also, be sure to "CONNECT" with at least one person and bring them with you. I'll see you there.



Welcome New Members



Sophie Gaby
828 Enclave Pointe
Cookeville, TN



Danni McCaslin
1358 Carolina Ave. E23
Cookeville, TN



Gabriel Aranda
3143 Middleford Dr.
Cookeville, TN

Bulletin Board



MUSIC

Thanksgiving Choir Program

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

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

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.



CHILDREN

Parent-Child Dedication

Sunday, December 7

8:15 or 10:45 a.m. service

First Baptist will have a time of Parent-Child Dedication during the 8:15 and/or 10:45 a.m. worship services on Sunday, December 7. Families need to be registered to participate in this special time of worship. During this time, parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Call the church office to register your family by Wednesday, Dec. 3.



Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 12

6:00-8:00 p.m. in Family Life Center

This is for children ages 3-6th grade. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 7. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due by Sunday, December 7. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name _____

Please place _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory of _____

OR

In honor of _____

____ I will pick up (after Christmas Eve service) _____ Take to shut in

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Nov. 16

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Yth choir returns from retreat

3:00 P.M. Churchwide Outreach Orchestra
4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Choirchimes

5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
5:30 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M. Kid's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M. College Choir warmup
7:00 P.M. Evening Worship
College Choir Rehearsal

Monday, Nov. 17

5:30 P.M. WOM Night Group
6:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Coaches Training
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Nov. 18

8:45 A.M. MDO
10:00 A.M. Happy Travelers leave for Mystery Trip
6:30 P.M. Sanct. Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, Nov. 19

11:30 A.M. Brown Bag Bible Study Cafe
3:00 P.M. FLC Open
5:00 P.M. XP Yth. Choir
Youth on Mission
Children's Choirs
First Place #143

5:30 P.M. Stewardship Mtg.
6:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Choir Program - Sanctuary
Collegiate Bible Study
FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Nov. 20

9:00 A.M. Happy Tones
9:30 A.M. CBS
6:15 P.M. Yth. Volleyball Tourney

Friday, Nov. 21

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

Saturday, Nov. 22

Sunday, Nov. 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Yth Breakfast
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Churchwide Outreach Orchestra
4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Choirchimes

5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
6:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
7:00 P.M. Kid's Bible Drill
Yth Connect Revival
College Choir

Stewardship Verse

We are to be content with what we have.

Let your way of life be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5)