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Pastor's Heart



The holidays can be the best and worst of times. This morning's message is designed to help us navigate some of the more difficult parts of the holiday season. In God's word we are reminded of the potential of bitterness and strife during the holidays. In God's word, as well, we find instructions

from God for avoiding strife and dealing with bitterness.

For some, the holidays are difficult because of the resurgent memories of times past. Be sensitive to family members and church members during this season of the year. As many are rejoicing, some will be deeply, very deeply, grieving.

Take the time to write a note of encouragement to someone. Acknowledge the difficulty that they may be feeling and then pray for them. The expectations of joy during the holidays can be extremely burdensome.

Still, the holidays *are* wonderful times of the year, particularly for children. Let me encourage you to take the time to make these holidays wonderful holy-days, times of joy and times of worship.

With that said, make sure that you are bringing your children to worship. Let this be a time of instruction and growth for them. Do not let the world's viewpoints dominate your family. Focus upon the gift that God gave to us instead of the gifts we receive from one another. Let thanksgiving be a way of life, not merely a day of 'stuffing'.

Renew your commitment to worship in the sanctuary of the Lord. Corporate worship is both a privilege and an obligation for the believer. What is more, it is an instrument for instilling the sacred nature of life into the life of our children and grandchildren. Those who grow up without an emphasis upon corporate worship (even from the earliest years), grow up without the proper sense of God's place in their lives.

As Rick Warren pointed out so well in the *Purpose Driven Life*, it's not about 'you'. It is about God, about our service to and worship of Him.

This year, bring the children and like the shepherds of the first Christmas, come and worship Him.

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 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.

5th Sunday Food Drive

We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive by bringing a bag of groceries to church on Sunday, November 30. Please place your sackful of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

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.

Happy Birthday Jesus

Friday, December 12
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Family Life Center
Volunteers are needed to help in various areas with this party. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt 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 & Senior Adults*
Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care*
Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*
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Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*
Alain Edel, *Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 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	"Blessed Assurance"	arr. Dobrinski
	Praise Ringers	
	Todd Arnold, director	
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Praise 637 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come" arr. Burroughs		
*Song of Thanksgiving	"Give Thanks"	Smith
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Testimony in Song (8:15)	"As Small As I Am"	
	Erica Mahan	

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Instrumental Meditation (10:45)	"Ancient Words"	arr. Shipp
FBC Orchestra with guest conductor Tracy Luna		
Sermon	"Mood Swings: A Holiday Message"	Dr. Adkisson
	Matthew 2:16	
*Commitment Song 489	"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"	spiritual

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer	Dimas Aranda (8:15)
	Ted Jernigan (10:45)
Worship with Tithes and Offerings	
Offertory Music	"Something About That Name" (8:15) Pethel/Pethel
	Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
	"In Remembrance" (10:45)
	Chi Rho Youth Choir with Staci Hunter, flautist

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Responsive Call to Thanksgiving		Dr. Nelms
Invitation to the Table		Dr. Adkisson
Blessing and Sharing of the Bread		Ed Griggs (8:15)
		Jack Mattson (10:45)
Song of Meditation	"There Is a Redeemer"	Green
	"He Is Exalted"	Paris
Blessing and Sharing of the Cup		Harold Garrett (8:15)
		Jim Viar (10:45)
Song of Meditation	"Lamb of God"	Paris
	"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"	Kaiser
Prayer of Thanksgiving		Dr. Adkisson
Sharing Spiritual Decisions		

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation		DENNIS
*Departing Chorus (8:15)	"Blest Be the Tie"	
*Choral Benediction (10:45)	"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"	Lutkin
	Chi Rho Youth Choir	
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Terry Roberson given by Shirle and Reba Roberson.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Please join us tonight for the Connect Youth Rally. The guest preacher is Centrifuge Camp Pastor Chad Poe and the special music will be by Centrifuge worship leaders The Jason Lovins Band. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The rally will also be held again tomorrow night beginning at 6:00.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Greg Steeves - Chief Deacon
Mike Powers
Bob Weatherholt
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Jack Mattson

Wednesday Dinner - 11/26

No meal

Extended Session - 11/23

Bed Babies - Ralph & Paige Mills

Creepers - Martha Head

Toddlers - Debbie Ramsey

2's - Chris & Debbie Winningham

3's - Ted & Carolyn Jernigan

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." Heb. 13:5

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$29,462.72
Difference from Goal	-\$324.93
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,493.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$31,955.72
Budget Goal to Date	\$595,753.08
Budget Gifts to Date	\$526,506.19
Difference from Goal	-\$69,246.89
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$528,149.38
Decrease from Prior Year	\$1,643.19
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$20,034.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,680,430.63

Sunday School Attendance

November 16, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	57
Children	62
Youth	62
Adults	345
Total	529



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Chi Rho Fall Retreat

By Jonathan Nelms
Associate Pastor for Music

The past week has been very active for members of the Chi Rho Youth Choir. Not only are they singing in worship this morning, they participated in the Thanksgiving program last Wednesday night and led in worship at Central Baptist in Crossville last Sunday morning. The service in Crossville was part of Chi Rho's annual fall retreat.

The 2008 Chi Rho Retreat took them to the 4-H Camp in Crossville for the first time. Departing after school on Friday, the choir traveled to the camp for three days and two nights of rehearsal, worship, and recreation. Rehearsal sessions focused on new material and some songs for Christmas. Times of worship included simple prayer services and a very meaningful candlelit communion service on Saturday evening.

Julianna Hickman and James Cunningham prepared some great games for the group and everyone enjoyed learning the obscure sport of gah-gah ball. On Sunday morning the choir drove to Central Baptist for worship. Chi Rho sang four anthems for the morning worship service before a full congregation.

Chi Rho is open to all youth in grades 7 through 12. The choir rehearses each Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. However, Chi Rho will rehearse on Tuesday this week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The youth will sing again in worship on the evening of December 14 for the annual festival of Christmas music.



The Chi Rho Youth Choir at the Fall Retreat in Crossville.

Thanksgiving Meal for Care Center Reminder

Turkeys and Pies - Turkeys need to be cooked, de-boned, sliced and cooled. Place it in a disposable container or a zip lock bag. Pies should be the non-refrigerated kinds. Please bake and slice them (8 slices per pie). Turkeys and pies should be brought to the Stevens Street Baptist Church fellowship hall between 6-10 a.m. Tuesday.

Delivery Teams - Please bring a large cooler with you. 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.

Tennessee Baptist Convention



Glenda Nelms and Tammy Wilson performed with the Tennessee Ladies Chorus during the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Glenda was elected president of the statewide chorus and received the ceremonial tiara. Special plans for her term of office include recording a compact disc and a mission trip to Iowa.

Bulletin Board

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

This is your last chance to save \$10 on registration. You can register at the table in the Central Lobby.

THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION

Sunday, November 30 @ 6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Several churches in the area are joining us to praise God and give thanks for what he is doing here, at the Care Center, and in India.

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.

WEATHER

Inclement weather

In the case of inclement weather, call the Snow Line at 526-4685.



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. 23

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
Children's Bible Drill
Kid's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M. Yth. Connect Revival
7:00 P.M. College Choir
Rehearsal

Monday, Nov. 24

6:00 P.M. Yth. Connect Revival
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Nov. 25

8:45 A.M. MDO
3:00 P.M. Deliver Meals for
Care Center

Wednesday, Nov. 26

3:00 P.M. **NO Open GYM**
NO Meal or Activities

Thursday, Nov. 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
Church Office/FLC Closed

Friday, Nov. 28

Church Office/FLC Closed

Saturday, Nov. 29

Sunday, Nov. 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Media Min. Lunch & Mtg.
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Praise Ringers
Choirchimes
4:45 P.M. Mission India
Fellowship #175
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
Kid's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M. Joint Thanksgiving
Service
7:00 P.M. 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