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Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



The Advent season begins this morning with the wonderful expectation of Jesus' birth. Let's make every effort to make Jesus the priority of our Christmas season this year. I assure you, the world will not just let that happen; you will have to be intentional about keeping the real reason for this season as a priority in your life and family. Satan will conspire to focus your attention on anything and everything but Jesus this year.

Don't let any opportunity to focus upon the Savior pass you by. Commit to being in worship each week, if at all possible. Make sure that Christmas does not pass in your home without your sitting down with everyone there and reading together the Christmas story. Take time to worship.

Remember this season is about God's great gift to you in Christ. It is about the wonder of the angels, the surprise of the shepherds, the gifts of the wisemen, and the care of His earthly parents. But it is primarily about God's sacrifice for your salvation.

In keeping with the season we have adopted the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions as a vehicle for reaching the world with the message of God's love and sacrifice for them. This offering is forwarded completely to our International Mission Board and from there to our missionaries in order that people all around the world may hear of God's love.

Join me in giving to this special offering, which is to be above our regular tithes and offerings. Do so as a matter of worship and praise. Do so as a matter of sacrifice. Do so in remembrance of and response to God's gift of His Son to you.

We are compelled to do a lot of good things in this season of the year. Let this offering rise to the top of your list as a response to all that God has done for you.

See you this morning in worship
In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
for International Missions
Church Goal:
\$40,000

Thanksgiving Celebration is tonight

By Steve Farris
Assistant Pastor for Outreach and Missions
I want to encourage everyone to be a part of the Thanksgiving Celebration tonight at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

If you want to be a part of the community choir, be here at 5:30 p.m. Several churches from the area along with people from Life-way who have participated in our India missions will be joining us to praise God and give thanks for what he is doing



here, at the Care Center and in India. It will be a great time of testimony, worship, special music, fellowship, and a short message of encouragement as we share what God did through the offering we sent to India last year. This year's offering will also go for evangelism in South Asia. Bring canned goods to help restock the Care Center after the Thanksgiving rush. The Royal Ambassadors will be available to help bring the goods into the church.

Mission Opportunities

WMU Daytime Bible Study

Tuesday, December 2
9:30 a.m. in Cafe
Our guest missionary will be Larry Cunningham. Carolyn Jernigan will have a presentation on foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Offering. Everyone is welcome!

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.

Upward/Devoted Coaches

More coaches are needed for Upward and Devoted Basketball. Openings are as follows: one for 1st-2nd grade boys, two for 3rd-4th grade girls, two for 5th-6th grade girls, one for 5th-6th grade boys, and one for 9th-12th grade boys. If you are interested, call Colleen Cox 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*
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 30, 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; 1 John 1:5, 7 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Song of Celebration "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes
Ordinance of Believer's Baptism (10:45)
*Prayer Dr. Randall Adkisson
Welcome Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Adoration 208 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER
Introduction to Advent Dr. Nelms

Lighting the First Candle of Advent Jonathan Nelms and Family (8:15)
Tom Timmerman and Family (10:45)

*Responsive Reading including Isaiah 40:1-3

*Hymn of Praise 77 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" HYFRYDOL

Scripture in Song "Every Valley" Beck
Sanctuary Choir

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "Lessons of Thanksgiving" Dr. Adkisson
Luke 2:36-38

*Commitment Song "The Heart of Worship" Redman

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer Harold Garrett (8:15)
Jim Viar (10:45)
Worship with Tithes and Offerings
Offertory Music "As the Deer" arr. McKechnie
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
*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 "As We Go" arr. Shipp
*Postlude Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honor of Pauline Whitley who is celebrating her 90th birthday given by her daughters, Sara Parker, Donna Long and Paula King.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

You are encouraged to join us tonight to be a part of the Multi-Church Revival. It will be a great time of worship, testimony, special music and fellowship. Several churches from the area along with people from Life-way who have participated in our India missions will be joining us to praise God and give thanks for what he is doing here, at the Care Center and in India.

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ed Griggs - Chief Deacon
John Owens
Van Sliger
Robert Fuller
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Mike Powers

Wednesday Dinner - 12/03

Variety of meats and vegetables, dessert and bread

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/03

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Taylor, Bonnie Rivera, Don Williams
5:45 - Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley

Extended Session - 11/30

Bed Babies - Linda Venturino, Megan Trotter

Creepers - VOLUNTEER

Toddlers - Marta Sliger

2's - Jodi & Neal Evans

3's - Laura & Bobby Rich

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$18,876.38
Difference from Goal	-\$10,911.27
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,005.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$20,881.38
Budget Goal to Date	\$625,540.73
Budget Gifts to Date	\$545,382.57
Difference from Goal	-\$80,158.16
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$551,696.99
Decrease from Prior Year	\$6,314.42
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$21,380.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,681,776.63

Sunday School Attendance

November 23, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	57
Children	69
Youth	62
Adults	343
Total	535

Care Center Christmas Party

Mike Head

Associate Pastor for Administration

PRAISE THE LORD!! On Tuesday evening, November 25, the Care Center through its participating churches provided Thanksgiving meals to more than 3,300 recipients. I will write more about this wonderful effort in next week's Chronicles, but I wanted to let you know about the upcoming Christmas party for needy boys and girls which will be held in our Family Life Center on Saturday, December 13.

We will have a worship service in the sanctuary for parents and an age appropriate service for the children in the fellowship hall. The adults will leave the worship service and go to the FLC to pick out a gift for their children.

WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

The Care Center has more than 600 children signed up to receive a gift. Our assignment at First Baptist is to provide toys for four to seven year olds. These gifts should be in the \$15.00 to \$20.00 range and put in a gift bag without tissue labeled boy or girl. We have been assigned 80 boys and 80 girls for a total of 160 gifts.

The gifts should be returned to our church before Friday, December 12. If you would like to participate but cannot go shopping, you can make a contribution and volunteers will go and purchase the toys. This is an excellent opportunity for our church to reach out and minister to those in our community who will not have money to provide gifts to their children at Christmas. Please fill out the form provided in your worship bulletin or sign the sheet provided in the central lobby.

As with all ministries, volunteers are constantly needed to continue to meet the physical and spiritual needs of those being served through the Care Center Ministry, please see or call me in the church office. Praise to God for all He is doing.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Final numbers

Upper Cumberland goal: 12,000 boxes

Number collected: 11,578 boxes

First Baptist Church goal: 600 boxes

Number collected: 505 boxes



Parent-Child Dedication

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 or place this form in the offering plate to register your family by Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Parent/Child
Dedication Form

Name _____

Parents _____

Worship Service _____

Birth Date _____

Christmas Activities

CHILDREN

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.



MUSIC

Special Music Schedule

Sunday, December 7

A.M.: Music Time choir; Sanctuary Choir; Orchestra

P.M.: Heart Strings Harp Ensemble & College Choir



Sunday, December 14

A.M.: Music Makers; Praise Ringers; Sanctuary Choir

P.M.: Christmas Musical & Tasting Party (see below)

Sunday, December 21

A.M.: Happy Tones & Young Musicians

P.M.: *Christmas in Other Lands*; Luminesce & hand chimes

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service



Christmas Musical & Tasting Party

Emmanuel: A Celebration of God With Us

Sunday, December 14

6:00 p.m.

This delightful concert is sure to be a worshipful experience. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, handbells and orchestra, the music of the evening calls us to center our focus on the true meaning of Christmas — God with us.

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. 30

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

5:00 P.M. Joint Thanksgiving Ser.
College Choir

Monday, Dec. 1

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.
5:30 P.M. Serve hot chocolate at Christmas Parade
CBS Night

Tuesday, Dec. 2

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. WOM Day Group Cafe

Wednesday, Dec. 3

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. First Place #143
Chi Rho Choir
Supper Line Opens
Median & Young Adult
Teachers Mtg. #177
Stewardship Com. Mtg.

6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg. - Chapel
Mission Groups
Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Youth Tree Trimming
FLC open until 8:00

Thursday, Dec. 4

9:30 A.M. CBS
9:45 A.M. Happy Tones to Bethesda

Friday, Dec. 5

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

Saturday, Dec. 6

4:00 P.M. RA Outing/Badges FH.
6:00 P.M. College Christmas Dinner @ Newmans

Sunday, Dec. 7

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

5:00 P.M. Christmas Musical
7:00 P.M. Tasting Party

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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