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Pastor's Heart



Today's message is exceedingly important for the growing Christian. God is at work in your life, yet you must have faith to see it. Join me as we look into the story of several men and women in the scriptures who found that God was working, actively working, even when it was not readily seen.

Trust Him. God is working in you!

Of course, the first Christmas was part of that wonder-filled work. God sent Jesus to take on the curse of sin in order to bring life to all who believe. So make sure that you give Jesus the honor of this season.

Certainly part of that honor will come through your gifts to His church and to His mission. Please pray about and give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This special seasonal offering is a vital link to our missionaries across the globe as they share Jesus with the world.

I know that times may be financially difficult in your home this year, but ask God what you are to give and then give in faith. God will use this too in His growth of you!

With this year's schedule of ministry and two in college, it has worked out so that the only time the Adkisson family can get away for a family vacation is during this Christmas season. Therefore I will be out of the pulpit on the 14th and 21st. Lord willing we will be back for our annual Christmas Eve service on the 24th. Thank you for your understanding as we travel for a few days together and then through Atlanta to spend some holiday time with our extended families.

The next two Sunday mornings, Steve will be bringing the message from God's word and Mike will be writing the devotions. I know you will be blessed by both their efforts. Of course, each of those Sunday evenings will be filled with wonderful Christmas music from our choirs and instrumentalist. You will not only be blessed by being here but also (even more so) by bringing an un-churched neighbor or family member with you. It's Christmas music and food. What could be better?

Last week it was an honor to be at the graduation ceremony for our own Alain and Yeni Edel from the Hispanic Seminary Extension held by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Let me tell you that they were the stars of the celebration.

Alain was only the second person ever to complete the prescribed course of study for a full diploma and was recognized as the leading student in so doing. Yeni was the only student to receive three different certifications and also was selected to speak as the student representative at the graduation. I was very proud of them both.

As we have shared in the last several quarterly business meetings, Alain and Yeni's place of service will be changing. At my writing of this article, it looks as though God is opening a door of service for them in North Carolina and they will be moving there to begin a new chapter of service for the Lord. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue to serve God faithfully.

See you this morning in worship

In His Love,
Pastor Randy



Mission Opportunities

Happy Birthday Jesus

Friday, December 12

6:00-8:00 p.m. in FLC

Volunteers are needed to help in various areas with this party. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

Upward Coaches

Coaches are needed for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. If you are interested or for more information, call Colleen Cox at 526-7108.

Discipleship Opportunities

Beth Moore study Esther

Begins January 4 at 4:30 p.m.
Room 177

Lisa Hammons will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book.

Missions 101: To the Ends of the Earth by Dr. Jerry Rankin
Begins January 4 at 5:00 p.m.
Room 175

Pete Helton will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book.

Marriage Enrichment:
Love and Respect

Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Room 145

Randall and Debbie Ramsey will facilitate this study. The cost is \$15 for your book. Call 954-0329 for more info.

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, DECEMBER 7, 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; Psalm 19:14 Jonathan Nelms

*Instrumental Prelude "In the Bleak Mid Winter" (8:15) arr. Rasley
Carol Tittle, organist

"Christmas in the Highlands" (10:45) arr. Bocock
FBC Orchestra

Song of Celebration (10:45) "God Loved Us" Dorsey
"Celebrate Christmas Day" Gordon/Searcy
Music Time Preschool Choir (ages 4-5), Kaye Stringer, director

*Lighting the Second Candle of Advent Orlene Henry and Jo Hunter (8:15)
Ron Pardue and Family (10:45)

*Responsive Reading including Isaiah 35:10 REGENT SQUARE
*Carol 94 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" Bill Stone

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism (10:45) Dr. Randall Adkisson

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Carol 103 "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

Parent-Child Dedication (10:45) Dr. Adkisson
Testimony in Song (10:45) "God Leads Us Along" arr. Payne
FBC Orchestra with Leman Marsee, vocalist

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "God at Work" Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Song "God Will Make a Way" Moen
Matthew 1:5-6; John 16:33; 1 John 5:4

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Promotion of Lottie Moon Missions Offering Steve Farris

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Yoomi Paick, pianist

David Hurcherson (8:15)
Tim Collins (10:45)

*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"

*Postlude

arr. Shippy
Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Vivian Riddle given by Shirley and Debbie Maberry and Reba Mayberry.

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Rice
Heart Strings Harp Ensemble
Welcome Pat Butler, director Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Fellowship Song "Come and Behold Him" Chisum/Searcy
*Carol 95 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

Instrumental Meditation "What Child Is This?" arr. Rice
Heart Strings

*Carol "Joy Has Dawned" Gerty/Townend
Scripture Reading Philipians 4:1-7 Allen Kittinger

Message in Song "Stand Fast in the Lord" Page
"Footprints in the Sand" Martin

Sermon "Shine on Us" Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Song "Shine on Us" Smith
*Offerory Prayer Don Williams

Musical Offering "Carol of the Bells" arr. Mohr
Heart Strings

Benediction Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon
Gordon Vasseur
Howard Stephenson
Ron Kinser
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Dimas Aranda

Wednesday Dinner - 12/10

Chili & hot dogs, salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/10

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

Extended Session - 12/07

Bed Babies - Holly Turbeville,
Jenny Kinser

Creepers/Toddlers - Chris & Mylon
Simpson

2's - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

3's - Ken Peterson, Kim Groves

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$17,170.95
Difference from Goal	-\$12,616.70
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,190.60
Total Gifts this Week	\$20,361.55
Budget Goal to Date	\$655,328.38
Budget Gifts to Date	\$562,553.52
Difference from Goal	-\$92,774.86
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$582,224.56
Decrease from Prior Year	\$19,671.04
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$21,667.77
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,682,063.63

Sunday School Attendance

November 30, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	43
Children	59
Youth	47
Adults	298
Total	450



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Care Center Thanksgiving Meal and 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. Each of the meals was delivered with a smile and a prayer. Our church received many phone calls the next day thanking us for caring and sharing. One caller told us that the family had no food in the house when the meals were delivered. Megan Trotter wrote an article in the *Herald-Citizen* on Friday which gives more information regarding the effort. Almost 150 people from First Baptist responded to this need, and I thank each of you from the bottom of my heart for your time and resources. I know that God was pleased with our touch to a needy community.

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.

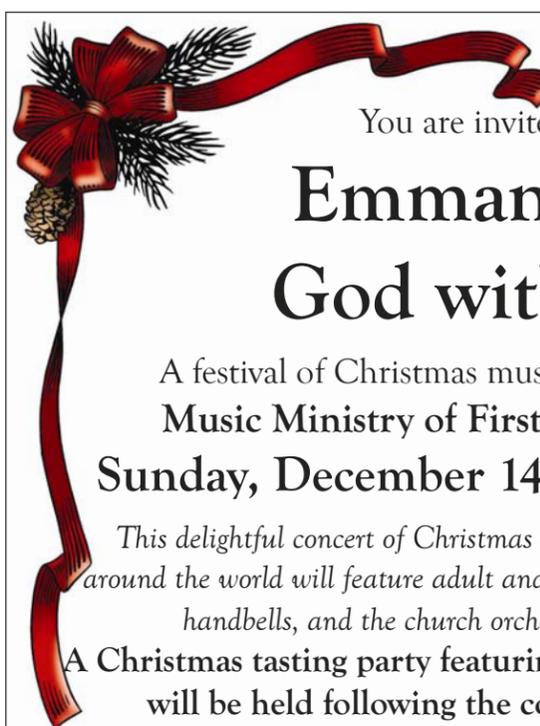
WE NEED YOUR HELP AGAIN!

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. 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.





You are invited to

Emmanuel: God with Us

A festival of Christmas music presented by the
Music Ministry of First Baptist Church

Sunday, December 14, 2008 at 6 p.m.

*This delightful concert of Christmas carols from
around the world will feature adult and youth choirs,
handbells, and the church orchestra.*

**A Christmas tasting party featuring holiday foods
will be held following the concert.**



FBC collected 505 OCC boxes

By Brenda Spain OCC Director

Thank you to each and every person that participated in Operation Christmas Child! First Baptist Church brought in 505 boxes, and we collected 11,578 boxes for the Upper Cumberland.

One church in Monterey brought in 157 boxes and they only have 12 members. I wish you could have seen the excitement on the Operation Christmas Child team's faces for

such an awesome number of boxes.

So many boys and girls around the world will not only get a precious gift, but they will also hear about Jesus - probably for the very first time. I also want to thank each volunteer and our secret shopper. There was no way to pack and load tractor trailers without you.

God bless you all and please continue to pray for the child that receives your box.



Bulletin Board



CHURCHWIDE

Reception/Baby Shower

For Alain & Yeni Edel
Sunday, December 7
5:00-6:00 p.m.
Old Chapel

YOUTH

Youth Progressive Dinner

Friday, December 19
6:00-9:00 p.m.

All youth and leaders are invited for lots of delicious food, great fellowship and fun. We will go to three host homes for appetizers, main course and dessert. Those needing a ride should meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. We plan to return by 9:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Invite a friend to come with you. Please sign up by December 14.

SNOW POLICY

1. Sunday Services, programs and activities will be determined by the severity of the weather. Every effort will be made to have Sunday School and the **10:45 a.m.** worship service.
2. Wednesday night services, programs, fellowship meal and activities will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes **when prudent** and will follow policy #6 (below). Mother's Day Out will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes in all cases. Any other Wednesday events will follow #6 (below) to announce changes.
3. Evening programs during the week will be determined by the severity of the weather. See policy #6 (below).
4. If at all possible, the church office will be open.
5. If at all possible, the Family Life Center will be open from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on "snow days". Free Play policies are in effect: one guest only per person, children fourth grade and below must be accompanied by a person age 16 years or older. Evening activities will be determined by the severity of the weather.
6. ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON www.fbccookeville.org AS WELL AS THE SNOW LINE (526-4685), AND, IF POSSIBLE, WILL BE BROADCAST ON WHUB RADIO (1400 AM/98.5 FM) AND CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL 7. **ONLY CANCELLATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Weekly Activities

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

Monday, Dec. 8

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh.
7:00 P.M. CBS Night

Tuesday, Dec. 9

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Dec. 10

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. First Place #143
Children's Choirs
Chi Rho Youth Choir
Supper Line Opens
6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg. - Chapel
Mission Groups
Sanctuary Choir Reh.
Yth Crosstraining
7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

Thursday, Dec. 11

9:30 A.M. CBS
9:45 A.M. Happy Tones to
Heritage Pointe
6:00 P.M. Christmas Music
Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 12

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
6:00 P.M. Happy B'day Jesus
6:00 P.M. Christmas Music
Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 13

12:00 P.M. Care Center
Christmas Party

Sunday, Dec. 14

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Luncheon
4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers
Choirchimes
4:30 P.M. Orchestra Rehearsal
5:00 P.M. Sanc. Choir Rehearsal
Youth Bible Drill #330
Children's Bible Drill
Kid's Bible Drill
5:30 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal
6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical
7:00 P.M. Tasting Party