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Upward and Devoted practices underway

By Colleen Cox
Recreation Coordinator

The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading™ season rolled into high gear with the beginning of practices on Monday, December 15. Devoted Basketball tipped off its practices on Monday, December 1.

About 370 children and youth are participating in Upward and Devoted this season with 40 Upward Basketball teams, eight cheer squads and 10 Devoted Basketball teams. Families, players and coaches packed the Family Life Center for the first week of practice. Six hundred forty-seven people came through the FLC for practices on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00-8:00 p.m.



The process of forming teams began with evaluations on November 8 and 10. Numerous volunteers made this a positive experience for families who lined up in our hallways, in the Family Life Center and sat on the bleachers as children were being evaluated for basketball and trying on cheerleader uniforms in the Fellowship Hall.

God has also provided coaches for all the Upward teams. Every coach is required to go through training. Most of the coaches attended training on November 15 and 17. Kenneth Brown came to the November 15 training and shared his testimony about how he had been saved through Upward. Coaches rotated through breakout sessions on rules unique to Upward, substitutions, and devotions and stars before being asked to sign a coach's covenant agreeing to set a Christlike example.



The Upward leadership team of Brandon and Lisa Reeves, Tara Masters, and Colleen are working on another coach's training on January 3 for all coaches who haven't yet attended training. These leaders are also planning a two-hour basketball and cheerleading clinic for Kindergarten. Set to take place from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 3, this clinic will introduce the kindergarteners to Upward.



You still have an opportunity to be on the Upward and/or Devoted team. Another Devoted coach is needed immediately. You also have an opportunity to be a prayer partner, referee, clock operator, concession worker, greeter or give a game day devotional. Contact Colleen and let her know you want to be on the Upward team.

Mission Opportunities

Relay for Life Team Meeting
Sunday, December 28
4:30 p.m. in Café area
Anyone interested in being part of the team is invited.

St. Kitts Info Meeting
Sunday, January 11 @ 8:30 a.m.
Room 142
Come find out more details of the May mission trip to St. Kitts.

Children's Church
We need two God called leaders to work with 4-5 year olds in children's church beginning in January. If you are interested, see Ann Hertzfeldt.

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. Call 854-0329 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*



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*.

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2008 8:15 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Jonathan Nelms

*Instrumental Prelude "O Come Little Children" arr. Davis
Carol Tittle, organist

*Responsive Reading including Luke 1:68-69, 2:14 Jonathan Nelms

*Hymn 208 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Fellowship Song 95 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" GO TELL IT

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Hymn 120 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem" KINGSFOLD

Message in Song "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" Pace/Boyce
Karen Cox, Lisa Hammons, and Larry McNabb

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Song "Be The Centre" Frye

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer David Hurcherson (8:15)
Joe Church (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music arr. Wyrzen

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" with "Emmanuel"
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist

*Presentation of Offering

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

Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation

*Departing Song "As We Go" arr. Shippo

*Postlude Instrumentalists

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory
of Jennine Shirley given by Mike Shirley.*

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Instrumentalists

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Song of Praise "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

*Scripture Reading Philippians 2:6-11 Jonathan Nelms

*Carol 118 "What Child Is This" GREENSLEEVES

*Song of Praise "More Love, More Power" Hierro

Testimony of Operation Christmas Child Brenda Spain

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 320 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" LEMMEL

*Offertory Prayer Don Williams

Musical Offering "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Coates

*Sharing Spiritual Decisions Remnant

*Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Randall Ramsey - Chief Deacon
 Jerry Joyner
 Ron Kinser
 Bob Lovell
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Tim Collins

Wednesday Dinner - 12/31

NO MEAL

Extended Session - 12/28

Bed Babies - Fred & Amy Ray

Creepers/Toddlers - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

2's - Russell & Shelley Fredley

3's - Chris & Tara Masters

Stewardship Verse

Money is a means to the greater end of glorifying God as we demonstrate practical Christianity in our lives.

Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

1 Cor. 10:31

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$41,172.75
Difference from Goal	+\$11,385.10
Total Designated Gifts	\$27,640.06
Total Gifts this Week	\$68,812.81
Budget Goal to Date	\$744,691.35
Budget Gifts to Date	\$661,613.03
Difference from Goal	-\$83,078.32
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$667,237.86
Decrease from Prior Year	\$5,624.83
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$29,865.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,690,261.48

Sunday School Attendance

December 21, 2008

General Officers	3
Preschool	57
Children	69
Youth	45
Adults	326
Total	500



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Children celebrate Jesus' birth with Happy Birthday Jesus Party

By Colleen Cox
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Children three years old through sixth grade celebrated Jesus' birth with a Happy Birthday Jesus Party on Friday, December 12. Forty-two children participated in this jam-packed celebration.

Luminesce performed as children and leaders ate supper. Then kids experienced different parts of the Christmas story through recreation, music and crafts going through a Vacation Bible School type rotation with volunteer leaders.

The game Bethlehem Balloons focused on Joseph taking Mary to his hometown to be counted in the census by giving kids the opportunity to take a census of the balloons. Another activity Bearing Gifts centered on the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus. Children had the opportunity to be a camel and wise men, taking gifts to Jesus.

Kaye Stringer led the music rotation where the kids sang several Christmas songs and rang their bells to Jingle Bells.

Two craft stations, headed up by Patricia Mabry and Linda Huddleston, allowed



the children to put stickers on the nativity, make a door knocker with the baby Jesus, assemble I love Jesus necklaces and put together snowmen.

After finishing the rotation, everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall as Ann Hertzfeldt read *The First Christmas*. The children then sang Happy Birthday to Jesus and enjoyed cake and ice cream. At the end of the party, each child received a gift bag.

Children also had the opportunity to give gifts to the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. Each family was asked to bring diapers, wipes and a baby gift for the CPC.



Missions during the economic crisis

During the Great Depression, George Beverly Shea was offered a career in popular music. But an inner voice whispered a greater purpose. The answer came in a poem Shea later set to music, *I'd Rather Have Jesus*. As we face one of the most difficult economic challenges since the Depression, this hymn reminds us that choosing Christ "rather than silver or gold" is the most reliable investment advice we will ever find. As markets fluctuate, Christ is a solid rock.

Another line sings of favoring "His dear cause" over worldliness. Just as Shea has stayed faithful to glorifying God in song around the globe, Southern Baptists have long been faithful to give time and money to help accomplish the worldwide missionary task.

Economic uncertainty affects your families and your church. It also affects every missionary family on the field. Their work cannot go forward without your continued sacrificial giving.

May God bless you in your ever-faithful obedience to our Great Commission task.

Jerry Rankin, President International Mission Board

Lottie Moon
 Christmas Offering
 for International Missions
Church Goal:
 \$40,000
 Amount to date:
 \$30,028.06

Bulletin Board



WOMEN

UC Women's Conference

Saturday, January 10

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. @ ATMS

Featuring Chonda Pierce, Lisa Harper & Stephanie McKenna, this conference cost \$35 for the conference only and \$50 for the conference and lunch with Chonda. Lunch is limited to the first 250. To find out more about the conference visit www.livingisforeternity.com.



55+

Everybody Birthday Party

January 11

Fellowship Hall

Sign up in Sunday school or call church office for your reservation by January 7.



YOUTH

Centrifuge Camp

July 13-18, 2009

Union University in Jackson, TN

The theme this year is *Move...the Faith Journey*. Youth in 7th-12th grade will enjoy awesome worship, team building recreation, dynamic Bible studies and church group times. The cost is \$287. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit on or before January 28. See Bill Stone for more information.



CHILDREN/YOUTH

Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Camp

July 6-10, 2009

Tocca Falls, Georgia

Crosspoint will teach campers in 4th-8th grade how to combine excellence in sports with a relationship with Jesus Christ. Centri-Kid offers 3rd-6th graders high-energy worship, age appropriate Bible study and tons of fun. The cost is \$257. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit on or before January 28. See Colleen Cox for more information.



Welcome New Members



Grace Rennell
 1129 N Plantation Dr.
 Cookeville, TN



Kristian Dean
 629 Blake Moore Dr.
 Lavergne, TN

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)

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Dec. 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Dec. 29

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Tuesday, Dec. 30

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Wednesday, Dec. 31

1:00 P.M. FLC Open
 No Meal or Activities

Thursday, Jan. 1

Office/FLC Closed

Friday, Jan. 2

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Saturday, Jan. 3

9:00 A.M. Upward K Clinic
 12:00 P.M. Upward Coaches Training

Sunday, Jan. 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 4:00 P.M. Praise Ringers
 Choirchimes
 4:30 P.M. Orchestra
 Beth Moore #177
 5:00 P.M. Yth Bible Drill #330
 Children's Bible Drill
 Kid's Bible Drill
 Missions 101 #175
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

