



# FIRST CHRONICLES

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## Pastor's Heart



Well it's happened again; a new year has come and an entire year has passed by. You are a year older than you were this time last year. A lot has happened in our lives.

A lot has changed. Some who were among us last year are now gone. For some, heaven came as a welcomed relief and an anticipated moment. For others, the end of life came to both them and to us as a shock, suddenly, without anticipation at all.

All of that to say that the passing of time is about the only thing that happens without any effort on our part. One day rolls into the next, no matter what we do or don't do, no matter what we accomplish or fail to accomplish. Then the day, the week, the year is gone, not to be repeated, reprised, or replaced. A new day comes but yesterday is irreplaceable.

That is why everyday matters. That's why the first of the year is a good time for reflection and adjustment. Few of us can look back on the year without some regrets. Opportunities have come and too often gone without our taking advantage. Intentions (good and sincere) have gone unfulfilled.

Two options here: give up and just let time pass or readjust and make new goals and attempt new things. I will choose the later.

In our walk with God let's plan to do better in our consistency of prayer and devotion. In our reading of His Bible, let's start again to read a portion everyday. (Maybe this will be the year you really make it through the entire Bible.)

This time next year, the clock will have changed and the pages of the calendar will have turned. Let's make the year count: in our walk with God, in our personal growth, in our witness to others, in our love of family, in our development of marriage, in our depth of knowledge, even in our fitness of body.

Make a plan. Make a start.

A New Year's resolution half accomplished is far better than no resolution fully achieved!

See you in worship this year? All year long?

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

#### 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 today 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.

**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*



### MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009 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 HOLY GOD

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms  
 \*Gathering Song "Satisfy Us in the Morning" Nelms

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Song of Praise "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin/Reeves/Cash

\*Responsive Reading Psalm 90:1-4, 12, 14 Dr. Nelms

\*Hymn of Praise 74 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

\*Message in Song "Give Me Jesus" arr. Danner  
 Jonathan and Glenda Nelms (8:15)  
 Sanctuary Choir (10:45)

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "Beginning" Dr. Adkisson  
 Genesis 1:1-5; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:1-2

\*Commitment Hymn 307 "Just As I Am" WOODWORTH

#### WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer Ed Griggs (8:15)  
 Jack Martson (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

#### WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

\*Statements of Affirmation  
 \*Departing Chorus 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO  
 \*Postlude Instrumentalists

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Greeting Dr. Jonathan Nelms

Prelude "Across the Lands" Remnant

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Hymn of Praise 14 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Cortell

\*Song of Praise "Forever" Tomlin

\*Hymn of Adoration "Across the Lands" Getty/Townend

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

\*Commitment Song "Give Us Clean Hands" Hall

Offertory Prayer Don Williams

Musical Offering "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Coates

\*Sharing Spiritual Decisions

\*Benediction Dr. Adkisson

\*Postlude Remnant

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## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

John Zhu - Chief Deacon  
Dimas Aranda  
Chris Wilson  
Bob Weatherholt  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Robert Fuller

### Wednesday Dinner - 01/07

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, rolls, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 01/07

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

### Extended Session - 01/04

Bed Babies - Peggy Semmes, Carol Joyner

Creepers/Toddlers - Margaret Atkins, Pat Chancy

2's - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

3's - Amanda Keeton, Linda Chappell

### Budget

## Stewardship Verse

**The primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.**

"... make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands..."  
(1 Thes. 4:11)

## Sunday School Attendance

### December 28, 2008

General Officers	4
Preschool	47
Children	64
Youth	52
Adults	267
<b>Total</b>	<b>434</b>



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# Take time for yourself by being part of the Upper Cumberland Women's Conference

By Melinda Johnson

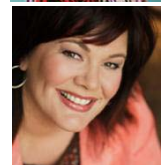
Christmas is over – the shopping, the gifts, the family get-togethers. The cookies are eaten and the New Year's resolutions have been made. As you start into the New Year, take some time for yourself, to relax with friends and to be renewed with the truth of God's word and praise and worship time.

Be part of the Upper Cumberland Women's Conference on January 10 at Avery Trace Middle School. Tickets are not sold out yet, so get your ticket today! The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and the event will start at 9:00 a.m. and will end at 4:00 p.m. It will be a day well spent recuperating!

Chonda Pierce will share her own style of real life humor again this year.



You won't want to miss hearing about her latest adventures as you laugh and cry and learn about our gracious Lord. Also speaking this year is Lisa Harper. Lisa is a gifted communicator whose writing and speaking overflows with colorful pop culture references that connect the dots between the Bible era and modern life.



The third guest for the event is Stephanie McKenna, a talented musician and songwriter who started writing songs at age five. She has one album out *Come Be with Me* and is working on a new project that will be out in 2009. In addition, Zamar, a group from the River Community Church will be providing the praise and worship music throughout the event.

Along with the event, a marketplace will be open featuring crafts, jewelry and items made in the region. A special lunch with Chonda Pierce is available for the first 250 people who register.

The conference is not only for enjoyment, but it also raises money for the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic and the Healing Hearts Ministry of McMinnville. The CPC is a pregnancy help medical clinic that offers free services including pregnancy tests, ultrasound and peer counseling along with assistance before and after the child is born. The Healing Hearts Ministry is an organization whose mission statement is "changing hearts, changing lives." They offer a wide variety of services to those who find themselves in difficult situations.

Tickets are now on sale at your local church and by visiting our website at [www.livingisforeternity.com](http://www.livingisforeternity.com). The registration fees are \$35 conference only and \$50 for conference and lunch with Chonda. Lunch with Chonda is limited to the first 250 registrants. "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him..." 1 Corinthians 2:9

## Scripture Memory

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1

## Bulletin Board

55+

### Everybody Birthday Party

January 11

Fellowship Hall

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



## DEACONS

### Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 12

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A light supper will be served.



## 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.



## Music Ministry Schedule

The schedule for when music ensembles will resume is listed below.

Praise Ringers: 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11

ChoirChimes: 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11

Orchestra: 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 11

Preschool and Children's Choirs: 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7

Youth Choir: 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7

Sanctuary Choir: 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 7

Happy Tones: 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 8

Harp Ensemble: 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 12

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Jan. 4

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
4:30 P.M. Beth Moore Study  
Esther - Room 177

5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330  
Children's Bible Drill  
Kid's Bible Drill  
Missions 101 - Room 175

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

### Monday, Jan. 5

1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
4:00 P.M. Church Council  
6:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir  
Officer Meeting

### Tuesday, Jan. 6

8:45 A.M. MDO  
12:00 P.M. Preschool/Children's  
Choir Leaders Meeting

### Wednesday, Jan. 7

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens  
5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Children's Choirs Reh.  
Youth on Mission  
Supper Line Opens

6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg. - Chapel  
Kid's Mission Groups  
Yth Praise/Worship/  
Bible Study

7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Jan. 8

9:30 A.M. CBS  
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

### Friday, Jan. 9

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
5:15 P.M. Devoted Basketball

### Saturday, Jan. 10

8:00 A.M. Upward Basketball  
and Cheerleading

### Sunday, Jan. 11

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

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To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org).