Pastor's Heart

"Why has God blessed you so?" That has often been my question as Salee and I traveled this week. The focus has not been so much that we were able to travel together to Europe (certainly that is a blessing), but that we as believers have been blessed with both peace and safety.

On Monday we traveled to the first church of Paris, St. Dennis. This believer, Dennis, proclaimed Christ to Europe. For his love and faithfulness, they chopped off his head.

Such was the theme of many of the religious works in the Louvre, the great museum of Paris. Time after time, the death of Christians was displayed on canvas. Of course there were no photographic journalist in those days recording every scene of the executions, instead painters and artist rendered the scenes. These were the reporters of the day.

What they recorded leaves me humbled and mystified. Why was I chosen to live in safety, when these believers were chosen to die for Christ? I stand gazing upon their sacrifice in the very places where they were offered up to God.

I am reminded again that most believers in the world and throughout history sacrifice much to be a disciple of the Savior. Often outcasts from family and society, they suffer and struggle. Their faith compels them to endure great afflictions and even death, while we often "claim" ease as some birth right of our faith.

One painting shows Dennis as first he waits for trial in a dungeon, then before the magistrate. Next he is tied to a horse and drug through the streets of Paris. Finally his head is taken as the axe falls from the chopping block.

I reflect upon the blessing of the children, too. These early martyrs had friends and family. They had a mother who worried and a father to cry.

We complain too much! We magnify our trials! They carried their crosses to the executioner's hill or their heads to the guillotine. They did so faithfully and without dismay. We live in a woe-is-me world; they died martyrs for

See you soon in worship.

In His Love, Pastor Randy

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



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WMU Nighttime Bible Study Monday, March 16

5:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall Everyone is welcome.

Baseball/Softball Camp

to assist with a Baseball/Softball Ba a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you can assist call Colleen Cox at 526-7108.

The Rock 3-on-3 volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve as referees, scorekeepers and in various other areas for The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday son at 646-0862.

Care Center

The Care Center has various food Central Lobby.

Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Counselors

go to Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Camp July 6-10 in Toccoa Falls, GA. If ou are interested, please see Anr Hertzfeldt or Colleen Cox.

Church staff

Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D. Senior Pastor Mike Head, Associate Pastor of Administration onathan 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 (
SUNDAY, MARCH 15
8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

MARCH 15, 2009

Song of Meditation

'As the Deer'

Don Williams (8:15) Bob Lovell (10:45)

Dr. Stow

Blessing and Sharing of the Cup

Blessing and Sharing of the Brea

Invitation to the Table

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

OF WORSHIP

to the childcare ry located on the sec

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LORD

'O God Our Help in Ages Past Carol Tittle, organist Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms ST. ANNE

*Prelude

Welcome and Fellowship

Rev. Mike Head

Testimony in Song (10:45) *Pastoral Prayer *Hymn of Praise 2 *Scripture Reading *Fellowship Chorus "The Morning Trumpet" Sanctuary Choir "Holy, Holy, Holy" Revelation 1:7-8 "Days of Elijah" Rev. Charlie Hutchinsor arr. Harlan Dr. Nelms Mark

Prelude

*Postlude

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

*Departing Chorus 648

"Go with God"

Instrumentalists

Dr. Nelms

Forbis

*Benediction

Sharing Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Meditation

You Are My All in

Bronn Rayne (8:15) Van Sliger (10:45)

Nystrom

Dr. Stow

Jernigan

Welcome

Song of Entrance

Song of Praise

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

"Holy Is the Lord"

Rev. Mike Head

Remnan

Tomlin/Giglio

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

*Commitment Hymn 54 "Being Here is Not There" 1 Kings 17:1-9 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Dr. Gerald Stow **FAITHFULNESS**

Song of Testimony

"Blessed Be Your Name"

Dr. Jonathan Nelms

NICAEA Baloche

Scripture Reading

*Hymn of Praise 2

Offertory Prayer WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD Bob Weatherholt (8:15) Jack Mattson (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering John Bohlen, trumpet "Be Thou My Vision" n, trumpet and Kaye Ryon, piano

arr. Childs

Musical Offering

"Take My Life"

*Offertory Prayer

*Commitment Song

"Knowing You"

Howard Stephenson

Tomlin/Giglio

Bro. Keith Emrich

Redman

Kendrick

*Sharing Spiritual Decisions

*Presentation of Offering

"Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"

*Doxology

HYMN TO JOY

*Postlude

Rev. Bill Stone

Deacons of the Week

John Zhu - Chief Deacon Bronn Rayne Jim Viar Joe Church

7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Newman

Wednesday Dinner - 03/18

Taco salad bar, rice/beans, fruit salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 03/18

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Barbara

5:45 - Jessica Young, C.W. Ramsay

Extended Session - 03/15

Bed Babies - Connie Hawkins, Gloria

Creepers/Toddlers - Mark & Lou Ann Herberman

2's - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

3's - Chris & Tara Masters

Budget Goal per Week \$29,787.65 **Budget Gifts this Week** \$34,800.23 Difference from Goal +\$5,012.58 **Total Designated Gifts** \$2,327.00 Total Gifts this Week \$37,127.23 **Budget Goal to Date** \$1.072.355.50 **Budget Gifts to Date** \$971.451.19 -\$100.904.31 Difference from Goal Budget Gifts to Date Last Year

\$1,023,008.48

Decrease from Prior Year \$51,557.29 Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date \$46,487.62

Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts \$2,706,883.48

Total Outstanding Debt \$946,786.00

Stewardship Verse God expects us to provide for our families.

. . if any one does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an Unbeliever." (1 Tim. 5:8)



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Upward Awards Night caps tremendous season

By Colleen Cox **Recreation Coordinator**

Upward Awards Night capped off a tremendous season overflowing with God's blessing. The Dazzlin' Dorrells used juggling and other acts to talk about God's love for a crowd of 800 people packed into the Sanctuary.

Awards Night served as a celebration of 10 years of Upward ministry

here at First Baptist Church. The night featured a slideshow of 10 years of Upward along with a season highlight video. Bro. Randy recognized Charlie Hutchinson and Mike and Carra McNelly who began Upward at FBC. In honor of the 10th season, the directors recognized three Lifetime King, the Hutcherson family and the Kinser family - for Skylar Hibbs. their faithful service to Upward throughout the years.



White Star honorees - Donnie Nathan Dorrell shares about God's love with help from Timothy Jernigan and

It was the obedience and faithful service of many volunteers that made this such a tremendous Upward season. God charged the Upward leadership with the challenge of making several changes to take this ministry to the next level this season. One of those challenges was adding a kindergarten division. Thirty-nine kindergartners participated in practice, devotions and games all on Saturday, making life a little simpler for parents.

"We have two boys playing, one in kindergarten. I love the way they practice before their game," one parent said.

Before or after the game entire families enjoyed the concession stand. On Thursday nights, several faithful volunteers transformed the game table area of the FLC into a concession stand/mini café area. Families sat together to eat breakfast, lunch and/or dinner on Saturdays and this area offered a great place for those working the concession stand to interact with Upward families.

"The concession stand was a nice addition," another parent said. "It was very helpful for our family."

Another helpful thing for families was snack bags. A group of volunteers from the church put these bags, which included a snack, drink and memory verse, together on Friday morning. Parents were asked to contribute money towards the cost of the snacks and did just that.

"I love you providing snack," a parent said. "It was one less thing for me to worry about."

On the other hand, it was one more ministry touch from First Baptist Church. From preschool age to senior adults, countless people found a way to be involved this season either with these new additions or as a prayer partner, devotion leader, coach or referee. God used that involvement to impact 300 children and their families with the love of Christ.

"I had done another program before and was so impressed with Upward as a whole," a parent stated.

"You have blessed our family," another parent said. "He will play each year he is eligible. Thank you for this opportunity."

Bulletin Board

YOUTH



Spring Break Boredom Busters

Monday, March 16 1:00-3:00 p.m. **Bowling World**

The cost is \$7 for two games and shoes. Meet there!

Boredom Buster #2

Wednesday, March 18 1:00-3:00 p.m. Youth Department Pizza and a movie; Free!



Boredom Buster #3

Monday, March 23 12:00-4:00 p.m. Mystery Trip

Sign up by March 18th. The cost is \$10. Space is limited.

CHILDREN

TeamKID



For Kindergarten-6th grade Wednesday, March 18 & 25

6:00-7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Come enjoy this fun, high-energy ministry. Kids will learn life lessons through Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation.

Baseball/Softball Basics Camp

March 23-27 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Children in kindergarten-6th grade will be taught the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing and baserunning during this week-long camp. The cost is \$35. Reserve your spot and pay by Friday, March 20.

RECREATION

The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament



Saturday, March 21

Must be present at 9:00 a.m.; play begins at 10:00 a.m. Family Life Center

There are divisions for 9th-12th grade, adult competitive and adult recreational. The cost is \$45 per team. Sign up at www.cookevillechristian.com or call 526-2177 for more details.

STUDENTS

Scholarship

College scholarship forms are available in the church office. Pick up your form and return it to the church office by April 30.

Sunday, Mar. 15 8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Second Worship 4:00 P.M. **Choir Chimes** Orchestra

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

Kid's Bible Drill 6:00 P.M. **Evening Worship**

Monday, Mar. 16

1:00 P.M. Yth Bowling 1:00 P.M. FLC Open 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble 5:30 P.M. WOM Night Group

Tuesday, Mar. 17

1:00 P.M.

8:30 A.M. Children to Science

Center FLC Open

Volleyball - FBC Green 9:15 P.M.

Wednesday, Mar. 18

1:00 P.M. Yth Pizza & Movie 3:00 P.M. FLC Opens 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens

Chi Rho Youth Choir 6:00 P.M. Team Kid FLC

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting --Chapel

Sanctuary Choir Reh. Yth Worship/Bible

FLC open until 8:00

7:30 P.M. Thursday, Mar. 19

Happy Tones to Mabry 10:00 A.M.

Health Care 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

6:15 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Navy @ FUMC

6:15 P.M. Volleyball – Yth FBC

Volleyball – Yth FBC 8:30 P.M.

Orange

Friday, Mar.20 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday 9:00 A.M. WOM to Gatlinburg

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Saturday, Mar. 21 9:00 A.M. The Rock 3-on-3

Basketball Tournament

Sunday, Mar. 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship 9:30 A.M. Sunday School 10:45 A.M. Second Worship 4:00 P.M. Orchestra Youth Bible Drill #330 5:00 P.M.

Children's Bible Drill Kid's Bible Drill

6:00 P.M. **Evening Worship**

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbccookeville.org.