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Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

## Pastor's Heart



One of the wonderful truths of Christianity simply stated is that "God is in control." Easier affirmed theoretically for the whole world than embraced during a personal time of trial, the truth is nonetheless true. God is in control: of our world and of our situation.

As we face uncertain times, economic or physical, it is essential that we renew our faith of God's sovereign plan for our lives. It is essential that we settle the issue of whether God can better lead, protect, and provide for us, or whether we in our own wisdom, strength, and cunning can better navigate through life on our own.

Now all of us will say, "God has a plan." "God's plan is best." Or "I want to follow God." But the truth of our profession is tested in two distinct places: our peace of mind and our obedience. The extent to which we lack either is the extent to which our professions are empty words.

When we genuinely believe that God is in control no matter what our situation, then we walk daily in peace. Such peace in our circumstances does not mean that we don't diligently search to find a job when we are out of work, or that we don't search for a cure when we have a negative diagnosis. What it does mean is that we trust that God has a purpose in our present situation (or the situation of others for whom we care). It means that we search out God's purpose and live at peace within our current circumstances as a matter of faith in our God (who is after all 'in control').

Further, when we genuinely believe that God is in control, our full desire is to be obedient to Him and to His word. We reason correctly that if He is in control then obedience is the sure path to walking in the middle of His will and His blessings.

Christians often make the huge, painful mistake of professing God's sovereignty with their lips while living in disobedience and fear within their circumstances.

Do you believe God is in control? Strive then to trust in Him and walk in determined obedience to His word.

See you 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



### Mission Opportunities

#### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

For North American Missions  
Church Goal: \$14,000  
Amount to Date: \$3,170.07

#### Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Counselors

Two male chaperones and one female chaperone are needed to go to Crosspoint/Centri-Kid Camp July 6-10 in Toccoa Falls, GA. If you are interested, please see Ann Hertzfeldt or Colleen Cox.

#### 5th Sunday Food Drive

We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive by bringing a bag of groceries to church on Sunday, March 29. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

#### Prayer

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)

#### 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, MARCH 29, 2009 8:15 & 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 118:24 Dr. Jonathan Nelms  
Prelude "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN  
Carol Tittle, organist

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Fellowship Choruses "This Is the Day" Garrett  
"What a Mighty God We Serve" anonymous

\*Responsive Reading Psalm 126:1-3 Dr. Nelms

\*Hymn of Praise 4 "To God Be the Glory" arr. Barker

\*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson  
Message in Song "What the Lord Has Done in Me" arr. Rhoads  
Sanctuary Choir with Dimas Aranda, violin

\*Hymn of Petition "Speak, O Lord" Getty/Townend

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon "Keep Your Head Up" Dr. Adkisson  
Hebrews 12:1-2

\*Commitment Hymn 476 "Be Strong in the Lord" STRENGTH

#### WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer Bronn Rayne (8:15)  
Jim Viar (10:45)

Worship with Tribes and Offerings

Offertory Music "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Edwards  
Jonathan Nelms, piano and Dimas Aranda, violin  
\*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 Chorus 667 "As We Go" Johnson  
\*Postlude Instrumentalists

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Allison Tittle given by Frank and Carol Tittle*

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Instrumentalists  
Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson  
\*Fellowship Hymn 261 "Wonderful Words of Life" Bliss  
\*Scripture Reading  
\*Hymn of Praise "Because We Believe" Gordon/Harvill  
Song of Preparation "Ancient Words" DeShazo  
Sermon Dr. Adkisson  
\*Commitment Song 457 "Lord, Be Glorified" Kilpatrick  
\*Offertory Prayer Robert Fuller  
Musical Offering "Thy Word" Smith  
Remnant  
\*Sharing Spiritual Decisions  
\*Benediction Dr. Adkisson  
\*Postlude Instrumentalists

## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Dimas Aranda - Chief Deacon  
Bob Weatherholt  
Van Sliger  
Howard Stephenson  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Bronn Rayne

### Wednesday Dinner - 04/01

BBQ chicken, green beans, creamed corn, salad, rolls, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 04/01

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

### Extended Session - 03/29

Bed Babies - Gloria Vick, Ruth Ann Southerlan

### Creepers/Toddlers - VOLUNTEERS

2's - Russell & Shelley Fredley  
3's - Tim & Tanya Hadlock

## Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$19,446.71
Difference from Goal	-\$10,340.94
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,812.07
Total Gifts this Week	\$21,258.78
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,131,930.80
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,015,318.15
Difference from Goal	-\$116,612.65
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,073,496.84
Decrease from Prior Year	\$58,178.69
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$47,614.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,708,010.48
Total Outstanding Debt	\$945,860.00

## Sunday School Attendance

### March 22, 2009

General Officers	3
Preschool	60
Children	65
Youth	42
Adults	332
<b>Total</b>	<b>502</b>

# Youth Opportunities



## Youth Week

April 19-26

We need 50+ youth to participate in leadership throughout the church. Youth are needed to teach preschoolers, children, youth and adults in Sunday school classes. Also we need youth to lead in worship Sunday, April 26 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. by sharing testimonies, special music and drama. Sign up by April 12.



## Youth Day Trip to Dollywood

Saturday, April 18

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy a fun-filled day of rides, entertainment and the "Festival of Nations." The cost is \$40 plus money for food. Confirm your reservation when you pay \$40. The deadline is April 15.

## Youth Lunch/Outreach

Sunday, April 19

Noon-1:30 p.m.

All youth and leaders are needed to make a visit after lunch.



## Youth Game Night

Friday, April 24

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Come enjoy table games, fun, food and fellowship. Bring a friend too!

## How Can I Be Saved? As Simple As ABC!

**ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD:**  
Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."  
Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
**BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SAVIOR:**  
John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."  
**CHOOSE TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS & CONFESS YOUR FAITH:**  
Matt. 16:24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

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## Free Deacon Sponsored Church wide Breakfast

**Easter Sunday, April 12  
7:00-9:00 a.m.**

For reservations, place this form in the offering plate or call the church office at 526-7108. Deadline for reservations is April 9.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of children: \_\_\_\_\_

# Bulletin Board

## CHURCHWIDE

### Maundy Thursday Services

Thursday, April 9

The annual family footwashing service will begin at 6:00 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a towel. Fresh water scented with myrrh will be available for this quiet, casual family service. The Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper service begins at 7:00 p.m. This quiet and contemplative service commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples.



## 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.



### 55+

### Senior Adult Day

Sunday, May 3

There will be many activities and opportunities for worship, service and fellowship. Mark your calendar and don't miss out. One opportunity for you to pray about and be involved in is teaching youth Sunday school classes just as they teach adult classes on Youth Sunday.

## HAPPY TRAVELERS

### Cumberland County Playhouse - Crossville

June 4

We will see a comedy *The Foreigner*. We will leave the church at 11:30, eat lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park prior to the play. The play is at 2:30 p.m. Cost for both is \$34. There will be an ice cream stop on the way home. Sign up and pay by May 3.



## Easter Lilies to Decorate the Sanctuary

It is time to order lilies to place in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The deadline to order is **Monday, April 6**. The cost is \$8.50. To place your order, please fill out this form and place in the offering plate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of lilies ordered: \_\_\_\_\_  
In memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
OR  
In honor of \_\_\_\_\_



## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Mar. 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
Yth 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Breakfast  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330  
Children's Bible Drill  
Kid's Bible Drill  
5:45 P.M. Fireproof Study #175  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

### Monday, Mar. 30

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

### Tuesday, Mar. 31

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:15 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Green

### Wednesday, Apr. 1

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens  
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Youth on Mission  
Preschool & Kid's Choirs  
Personnel Com. Mtg. #175  
5:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting -- Chapel Reach  
6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Reh  
Yth Worship/Bible Study  
FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Apr. 2

9:30 A.M. CBS  
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones to Bethesda  
6:15 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Navy @ FUMC  
6:15 P.M. Volleyball - Yth FBC Blue  
7:00 P.M. Volleyball - Yth FBC Orange

### Friday, Apr. 3

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

### Saturday, Apr. 4

### Sunday, Apr. 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
12:15 P.M. St. Kitts Mtg. - Rm 142  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
Choir Chimes  
Handbells  
5:00 P.M. Youth Bible Drill #330  
Children's Bible Drill  
Kid's Bible Drill  
5:45 P.M. Fireproof Study #175  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Fellowship  
Yth Leaders Mtg.

## 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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