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FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



“Return to me and I will return to you,” says the Lord of Hosts;” as recorded in Malachi 3:7. The prophet was reminding the people that what looked to be a national crisis and a financial plight was instead a crisis of the heart and of their faith.

Such is often the case. God is at work in the midst of the present financial crisis in America. He is pulling out the false foundations and demanding that people seek what is truly trustworthy.

Such a crisis may be national or even international in scope, but for you and God it is always personal. What is God seeking to speak to you about in these days? Where is your trust? What place is he calling you back to obedience.

On Palm Sunday, the nation of Israel was looking to political intervention, even military leadership, to overthrow their problems and set them free. A political messiah would be the answer they thought. But God had a different plan, because God knew the true source of their problem.

Instead of a military or political messiah, God sent a suffering servant. Instead of focusing upon their national plight, He focused upon each individual's heart.

The case was constantly the same throughout the history of Israel. Faithfulness to God and His word was the key to personal and national prosperity.

So again, what is God speaking to you about: your devotional walk, your financial stewardship, your spiritual integrity? These will be the things of our Palm Sunday walk to Jerusalem.

See you in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

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."



Mission Opportunities

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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

Associational VBS Clinic

Monday & Tuesday - April 20 & 21
FBC - 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
All VBS workers are encouraged to attend.

Spiritual Gifts

This survey is available to help you figure out your spiritual gifts. Check out <http://www.churchgrowth.org/cgi-cg/gifts.cgi?intro=1>

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)

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

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*
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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, APRIL 5, 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 ENTER TO WORSHIP

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
The Story Begins		Mathew 21:1-6
*Chorus of Praise	"Holy Is the Lord"	Tomlin/Giglijo
Welcome to Worship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Fellowship Chorus 127	"The King of Glory Comes"	PROMISED ONE
*The Story Continues		Marthew 21:7-11
*Processional Hymn 130	"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"	WEBB
*Song of Adoration 215	"Majesty"	Hayford
Testimony in Song (10:45)	"Hosanna in the Highest"	LeDoux
	Young Musicians Children's Choir (grades 4-6)	
	Glenda Nelms, director	

*Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Adkisson

Message in Song

"The Power of the Cross"
Deborah Baranowski and Glenda Nelms (8:15)
Sanctuary Choir (10:45) arr. Hayes

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon
"One with the Crowd or One with a Heart for God?"
John 12:13 and Jeremiah 3:14
Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Song

"Change My Heart, O God"
Espinosa

WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer
David Hutcherson (8:15)
Doug Winford (10:45)

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music	"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"	arr. Sherman
	Praise Ringers Adult Handbell Team	
	Todd Arnold, director	

*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 657	"Go Out and Tell"	PLANO
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude		Todd Arnold, piano
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Gathering Song	"Sing to the King"	Foote
*Scripture Reading	Psalms 47:6-7	A. J. Cochran
Anthem of Praise	"A Celtic Thanksgiving"	Williams/Martin
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 45:18	Rebecca Emrich
*Song of Praise	"God of Wonders"	Byrd/Hindalong
Scripture Reading	Romans 8:31-32, 35, 37-39	James Cunningham
Songs of Testimony	"If God Be for Us" "Moha Jesu a boa" Chi Rho Youth Choir	McCormick arr. Matspatela

Sermon

Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Song

Altrogge

*Offertory Prayer

Joe Church

Musical Offering

"Forever"
Remnant
Tomlin

*Benediction

Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude

Todd Arnold, piano

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

John Zhu - Chief Deacon
Gordon Vasseur
Ron Kinser
Ted Jernigan
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Van Sliger

Wednesday Dinner - 04/08

Ham, green beans, sweet potatoes, salad, rolls & dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 04/08

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

Extended Session - 04/05

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

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$34,739.50
Difference from Goal	\$4,951.85
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,744.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$36,483.50
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,161,718.45
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,050,057.65
Difference from Goal	-\$111,660.80
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,099,936.43
Decrease from Prior Year	\$49,878.78
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$48,110.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,708,506.48
Total Outstanding Debt	\$945,860.00

Sunday School Attendance

March 29, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	57
Children	64
Youth	55
Adults	333
Total	513



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Holy Week Worship Opportunities

Holy Week begins today, April 5, with Palm Sunday and concludes with Easter. Throughout this week there are many unique opportunities for worship. The following is an overview.

Palm Sunday, April 5. Today we remember Jesus' triumphal final entry into Jerusalem. Musical selections and scripture readings will be celebratory yet will foreshadow the passion that is yet to come. Services are held at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The older children's choir and the handbell team will ring in the morning and the Chi Rho Youth Choir will be singing in the evening.

Holy Week Noonday Services. The Cookeville ministerial alliance is holding daily worship service at First Presbyterian Church, Monday through Friday. These thirty minute services begin at noon. **Glenda Nelms will be singing on Tuesday and Bro. Randy will share a homily on Wednesday.** A light lunch is served following the service each day for a nominal fee which benefits a local charity. **The First Baptist WMU will be preparing the meal on Wednesday.**

Maundy Thursday, April 9. Two very solemn services will be held this Thursday evening. Our annual family footwashing service will begin at 6:00 p.m. The footwashing is a very moving expression of ministry to one another and devotion to our Lord. Participants are asked to bring a towel. Fresh water scented with myrrh will be available for this quiet, yet casual family service. Pat Butler will be playing solo harp arrangements during the washing of feet.

The Maundy Thursday Lord's Supper Service will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. This quiet and contemplative service commemorates Jesus' last supper with his disciples. For the first time, the Chi Rho Youth Choir will be participating in this service which concludes with a meaningful symbol of the crucifixion. The Heart Strings Harp Ensemble will be playing during the service.

Easter Sunday, April 12. Both morning worship services will feature thrilling music and meaningful sermons celebrating the Resurrection. The Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will be participating in both morning worship services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. Each service will conclude with a Handel's triumphant "Hallelujah Chorus."

This week is the pinnacle of the church year. Every service listed above will only heighten your spiritual walk with the Lord. All of these services are family friendly and we encourage parents to share them with their children. The symbols of our faith will come alive as we worship together throughout the week. I hope you can join us.

- Jonathan Nelms

Ministry Opportunity!
Volunteers are needed in the Preschool area on Easter Sunday morning during the 8:15 & 10:45 services. If you can help, please call Ann Hertzfeldt or the church office.



Deacon's Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009
5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

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

Happy Travelers

Cumberland County Playhouse - Crossville, TN



June 4 - We will see a comedy "**The Foreigner**"

The bus will leave the church at 11:30 A.M. and we will eat lunch at Cumberland Mountain State Park prior to the play. The play is at 2:30 p.m. **Cost for both is \$34.00.**

Sign up and pay by May 3rd Senior Adult luncheon.

Homebound Ministry Team

Luncheon and Recruitment



Monday, April 20th we will be hosting the Homebound Ministry teams for a luncheon. Team members will receive a formal invitation. If you have an interest or want more information about this ministry, plan to attend the luncheon. Call the church office to sign up for the luncheon.

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.

Welcome New Members



John, Diane, Grace & Will Bohlen
Rickman, TN



Jerry & Jane Freeman
Cookeville, TN

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, Apr. 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
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
Fireproof Bible Study #175
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Fellowship
Yth Leaders Mtg.

Monday, Apr. 6

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.

Tuesday, Apr. 7

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

Wednesday, Apr. 8

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
Children/Yth Bible Drill
Chapel
Chi Rho Youth Choir
Youth on Mission
Presch. & Child. Choirs
Personnel Comm. Mtg
5:30 P.M. Missions Mtg.
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting --
Chapel

Sanct. Choir Reh.
Mission Groups
Yth Worship/Bible Study

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

Thursday, Apr. 9

9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
6:00 P.M. Maundy Thurs. Foot washing
Volleyball - FBC Navy @ FUMC
7:00 P.M. Volleyball - Yth FBC Orange
7:00 P.M. Communion Service
8:30 P.M. Volleyball - Yth FBC Blue

Friday, Apr. 10

OFFICE & FLC CLOSED

Saturday, Apr. 11

Sunday, Apr. 12
7:00 A.M. Church-wide Breakfast
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch
6:00 P.M. NO Evening Worship

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