



# FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

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## Pastor's Heart

Easter was a wonderful celebration at First Baptist Church. I have heard from many of you how special and meaningful the services were. I agree. God certainly blessed us with His power and presence. It was wonderful to see people make decisions for Christ and His church. It has been wonderful for me to hear the testimonies from you this week of how the Lord impacted you through the Easter worship.

I appreciate greatly the hard work of everyone who had a part in the service. Volunteers made sure our landscape was tidy for the morning. Ministry team members worked to make sure the sanctuary was set and beautiful for the morning. Our musicians practiced and led our worship with awe inspiring music. Volunteers came through for the children's ministry areas and the extra crowd of Easter Sunday morning. Thank you to all of you who took part and gave of yourselves to the ministry of our Lord and His church.

Such ministry by our members is key to the health of our congregation. Too often we seem to forget that the church is 'us', not something that exists for us to attend. The key to a vital and wonderful church is the vital service, support, and participation of her members. Thanks for your part in your church.

This morning we are going to be speaking very seriously about the ministry and mission of our church in these challenging economic times. Our Stewardship Committee is diligently working to craft a recommendation for our next year's budget. They have also reported to the congregation, in last week's quarterly business meeting, that we are presently running at a deficit.

Our giving for the last six weeks has been excellent, above budget. But our end of the calendar-year giving, which is usually outstanding, was greatly impacted by the weak economy and its effects on our members. In other words it was well below anticipated and needed.

I have asked Tom Timmerman, our Stewardship Chairman, to address our congregation this morning with a short 'state of the church' address. I think it is important that you know where we are in our stewardship, how it is affecting our mission and ministries, and what you can do to help.

Then I am going to share with you my heart on the often misunderstood issue of preaching stewardship. I pray you will prepare your heart to hear my heart, God's word, and what I fully believe to be God's plan for blessing you and your family.

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: \$6,712.07

#### Builders for Christ Informational Meeting

Sunday, May 3  
12:15 p.m.  
Chapel  
Information sheets are available in the Central Lobby or see Bob Weatheholt or Dennis Matheney.

#### VBS Workers

Climb along the Boomerang Express June 22-26 for Vacation Bible School. Workers are needed for kindergarten, 1st grade, 3rd grade, 5th grade, 6th grade, creeper/toddlers, 2-3 year olds, and 4-5 year olds. If you would like to be a part of this exciting week, contact Ann Hertzfeldt.

#### 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, APRIL 19, 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; Psalm 86:3-4   | Dr. Jonathan Nelms   |
| *Gathering Song        | "As We Gather"   | Faye/Coomes          |
| Welcome                |  | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Fellowship Chorus     | "I Will Call upon the Lord"  | O'SHIELDS            |
| *Responsive Reading    | Psalm 86:5-7; 10   | Dr. Nelms            |
| *Hymn of Petition 395  | "God of Grace and God of Glory"  | CWM RHONDDA          |
| *Pastoral Prayer       |  | Dr. Adkisson         |
| Scripture Reading      | Psalm 86:11-12   | Dr. Nelms            |
| Message in Song        | "My Lips Will Praise You"<br>Jonathan and Glenda Nelms (8:15)<br>Sanctuary Choir (10:45) | arr. Greer           |
| Chorus of Devotion 212 | "I Love You, Lord"   | Klein                |

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

|                                    |   |              |
|------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Message from Stewardship Committee | Tom Timmerman, Chairman                 |              |
| Sermon                             | "The Shepherd's Heart"<br>1 Peter 5:2-4 | Dr. Adkisson |

\*Commitment Hymn 305 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" ASSAM

#### WE RESPOND WITH GIVING TO THE LORD

Offertory Prayer  
Gordon Vasseur (8:15)  
Chris Vick (10:45)

#### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" arr. Edwards  
Jonathan Nelms, piano and Dimas Aranda, violin

\*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 Chorus 648      | "Go with God" | Forbis           |
| *Postlude                  |               | Instrumentalists |

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are in honor of Paul and Betty Coleman who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.*

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

|                              |                                  |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Prelude                      |                                  | Remnant              |
| Welcome                      |                                  | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Chorus of Praise            | "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" | Founds               |
| *Song of Devotion            | "Enough"                         | Tomlin/Giglio        |
| Scripture Reading            | Romans 12:1-2                    | Maicie Hammons       |
| Songs of Testimony           | "Worthy Is the Lamb"             | Barrett              |
| Sermon                       | "Grace Flows Down"               | arr. Allen           |
|                              |                                  | Dr. Adkisson         |
| *Commitment Hymn 60          | "Be Thou My Vision"              | SLANE                |
| *Offertory Prayer            |                                  | Ed Griggs            |
| Musical Offering             | "Made to Worship"<br>Remnant     | Tomlin/Sharp/Cash    |
| *Sharing Spiritual Decisions |                                  |                      |
| *Benediction                 |                                  | Dr. Adkisson         |
| *Postlude                    |                                  | Instrumentalists     |

## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon  
 Ron Kinser  
 Donnie King  
 Joe Church  
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Howard Stephenson

### Wednesday Dinner - 04/22

Chicken casserole, salad, bread, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 04/22

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown,  
 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Joyner  
 5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Griggs, Ruth Ann Southerlan, Kreg Vaughn

### Extended Session - 04/19

**Bed Babies** - Jenny Kinser, Brenda Spain

**Creepers/Toddlers** - John & Wendy Apple

**2's** - Dan & Christine Blakley

**3's** - Rosa Aranda, Deborah Austin-Ervin

## Budget

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Budget Goal per Week                   | \$29,787.65     |
| Budget Gifts this Week                 | \$34,350.53     |
| Difference from Goal                   | +\$4,562.88     |
| Total Designated Gifts                 | \$2,481.00      |
| Total Gifts this Week                  | \$36,831.53     |
| Budget Goal to Date                    | \$1,221,293.75  |
| Budget Gifts to Date                   | \$1,120,512.49  |
| Difference from Goal                   | -\$100,781.26   |
| Budget Gifts to Date Last Year         | \$1,160,306.25  |
| Decrease from Prior Year               | \$39,793.76     |
| Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date | \$48,836.62     |
| Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts  | \$2,7089,232.48 |
| Total Outstanding Debt                 | \$945,860.00    |

## Sunday School Attendance

### April 12, 2009

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| General Officers | 4          |
| Preschool        | 77         |
| Children         | 78         |
| Youth            | 58         |
| Adults           | 374        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>591</b> |

# FBC ventures into new territory with Baseball/Softball Camp

God's blessing was rich as First Baptist ventured into new territory with a Baseball/Softball Basics Camp March 23-27. The team of Anjie Collins, Colleen Cox, John Cox, Jenny Kinser and Neal Marcum along with several youth worked with 17 kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> graders on hitting, throwing, fielding and base-running and provided individual instruction in those areas along with some other areas of the game.



Those who participated in the Baseball/Softball Basics Camp were (from front left) Sarah Collins, Connor Holmes, Jon Jernigan, Evan Libbey, Nathan Holmes, Heather Wheeler, Emily Wheeler, Colleen Cox, (middle) Neal Marcum, Carly Williams, David Kinser, Gabriel Aranda, Jacob Libbey, Matthew Collins, Mason Goodwin, Ronnie Kinser, Jenny Kinser, (back) John Cox, Ryan LaFever, Timothy Jernigan, Skyelar Hibbs, Trey Bundrant, Andrew Bundrant, McCartney Williams, Anjie Collins, (not pictured) Abby Collins and Courtney Hutcherson.

The first two days were spent at Jere Whitson before the rain forced the camp into the Family Life Center. Whether outdoors or in the gym, campers enjoyed instruction and competition and were challenged by God's word each day.

Campers rotated through stations on the basics and then gathered in centerfield or at center court each day for a devotion. After devotion time, campers were given the opportunity to compete. On Monday, children raced around the bases to see who could post the fastest time. On Tuesday they played a baseball game against the coaches and youth assistants. As the rain forced camp into the gym, the competitions changed to wiffle ball and kickball.

At the close of camp each day someone was awarded a MVP ball for excelling at camp that day. Each camper received a MVP ball at some point during the week.

The weekend prior to camp First Baptist hosted the second annual The Rock 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament. Put on by First Baptist and First United Methodist Church the double-elimination tournament featured divisions for recreational and competitive teams.



Greg Johnson, Carrie Hutchinson and Colleen Cox planned and coordinated the tournament. Thirteen teams participated. Each player received a t-shirt and lunch with the top team in each division getting a prize. Several volunteers from the two churches served as referees and scorekeepers and assisted with brackets, registration and food.

## Stewardship Verse

**God expects Christians to pay their taxes, since the government is ordained and authorized by God.**

"...render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's. (Matthew 22:21)

# Bulletin Board



## Associational VBS Clinic

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



## 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!

## Scholarship

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



## 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, 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.



## 55+ PICNIC

Free - Bring nothing but lawn chairs. We will gather at Mullins Farm on Saturday, May 2 at 11:30 and eat at 12:00. For reservations, please call Margaret Garrett at 528-5740 or Carol Tittle at 526-5629. The Mullins Farm is off of Buck Mountain Road. Turn right on Buck Lake Rd (1/2 mile past the intersection of Buck Mountain Rd and Dry Valley Rd) and follow the balloons to the farm.

## Parent-Child Dedication

First Baptist will have a time of Parent/Child Dedication during the 8:15 and/or 10:45 a.m. service on May 10. Families need to be registered in order to participate in this special time of worship. During the Parent/Child Dedication parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Please call the church office or return this form to register your family. The registration deadline is May 6.

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|------------------------------|
| Parent/Child Dedication Form |
| Child's Name _____           |
| Parent's Name _____          |
| Worship Service _____        |
| Birthdate _____              |

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Apr. 19

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 2:00 P.M. Associational Children/Yth Bible Drill  
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes  
 5:00 P.M. Fireproof Bible Study  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

### Monday, Apr. 20

12:00 P.M. Homebound Ministry Luncheon  
 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble  
 6:30 P.M. Assoc. VBS Training

### Tuesday, Apr. 21

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 6:30 P.M. Assoc. VBS Training  
 8:30 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Green

### Wednesday, Apr. 22

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

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
 Sanctuary Choir Reh  
 Mission Groups  
 Yth Worship/  
 Bible Study  
 FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Apr. 23

9:30 A.M. CBS  
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones  
 7:45 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Navy @ FUMC  
 7:45 P.M. Volleyball - Yth Blue  
 8:30 P.M. Volleyball - Yth Orange

### Friday, Apr. 24

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
 7:00 P.M. Yth Game Night FLC

### Saturday, Apr. 25

9:00 A.M. Regional Children/Yth Bible Drill

### Sunday, Apr. 26

#### YOUTH SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
 12:00 P.M. Ruth Anna Banquet  
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes  
 5:00 P.M. Fireproof Study #175  
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
 7:00 P.M. YAC Fellowship

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



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