



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart



The election of deacons has been sporadic at First Baptist. Since our deacons voted more than 10 years ago to move from a rotation of service to a permanent appointment, the election process has been held "as needed." Since then elections, along with worship services devoted to deacon ordination and commitment, have happened only every few years.

With that schedule it is easy to forget both the process and its importance. This year we will receive deacon nominations and have an election. The process will begin in May with nominations received from the congregation, and the ordination/deacon commitment service is scheduled for the fall. Between those dates, you will have the opportunity to pray, nominate, and elect qualified men to serve as deacon ministers in our church.

The deacons have asked me to preach this morning on those qualifications. The source of the message (as always) will be the Bible, with some further insight from our congregation's Deacon Manual. For your consideration, the most prominent passages on deacons are found in Acts 6 and 1 Timothy 3.

In May, the Deacon Nominating Committee will receive nominations from the congregation. Forms will be made available in a few weeks. They will then walk through the process of qualifying and bringing to you a slate of men for election. All of this will be done as outlined in the Deacon Manual of the church.

This is a holy process. Those chosen should be nominated because they meet the requirements of scripture and have a deep desire to serve in the manner the church has outlined. Deacons should not be chosen based upon popularity, in order to get someone who is uninvolved involved, to bestow honor and recognition on someone, or because they have been a friend for a long time. Rather, nomination and election should be based upon a man's clear walk with the Lord, evident spirit-filled temperament, his godly wisdom, biblical knowledge, and his commitment to minister as the church has outlined.

Let's pray together, study God's word, and seek the Lord's wisdom as we move through this process.

See you in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

Youth leading in Sunday School and worship for Youth Sunday

By Bill Stone
Associate Pastor of Youth

Today is Youth Sunday at First Baptist Church. This annual event gives youth the opportunity to assume temporary leadership positions in the church. This enables them to learn

more about teaching God's Word and gives them practical ways to serve.

Forty-seven youth are teaching pre-schoolers, children, and adults in Sunday School classes today. In addition to teaching, youth will be leading

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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 Matheny.

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 26, 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*.

REJOICE IN THE LORD

Greeting	Psaln 118:24	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Call to Worship	"Trusting Jesus" (8:15) Carol Tittle, organist	arr. Kirkpatrick
Welcome	"I Will Sing" (10:45) Chi Rho Youth Choir	Crouch
*Fellowship Chorus	"The Family of God" (8:15) "Alive Forever, Amen" (10:45)	Dr. Randall Adkisson Gather arr. Anderson
*Responsive Reading	Revelation 5:12-14	James Cunningham
*Hymn of Praise 161	"Crown Him with Many Crowns"	DIADEMATA
*Song of Praise	"Thou Art Worthy"	Mills
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Songs of Testimony	"What a Friend" Psalm 18:1-3 "He Is the Rock" Chi Rho	Allen Barrett
*Hymn of Testimony 406	"The Solid Rock"	More/Bradbury

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Sermon **Full of the Spirit and Godly Character** Dr. Adkisson
1 Timothy 3:8-13

*Commitment Hymn 604 **"Come All Christians, Be Committed"** BEACH SPRING

HONOR THE LORD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Prayer David Hutcherson (8:15)
Worship with Tithes and Offerings Tim Collins (10:45)

Offertory Music

"God Leads Us Along" (8:15)
Carol Tittle, organist and Todd Arnold, pianist

arr. Mercer

"Witness" (10:45)

arr. Halloran

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"
Sharing Spiritual Decisions

HYMN TO JOY

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	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Songs of Praise	"Give Me Your Eyes" Youth Praise Band	Heath
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Songs of Praise	"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" "God of Wonders"	Smith Byrd/Hindalong
Youth Testimonies		James Cunningham Brogan Johnson Rebecca Emrich
*Scripture Reading	Ephesians 5:15-20	A. J. Cochran
*Songs of Testimony	"Fill-a-Me Up" "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Chi Rho Youth Choir	Choplin arr. Rouse
Message	"Change"	Rev. Bill Stone
Theme Interpretation	"Nothing but the Blood"	Redman
*Song of Invitation	"The Potter's Hand"	Zschech
*Offertory Prayer		Joe Church
Musical Offering	"What If I Made a Mistake" Luminesce Creative Arts Team	Smith
*Sharing Spiritual Decisions		
*Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude		Todd Arnold, piano

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ed Griggs - Chief Deacon
 Jerry Joyner
 Doug Winford
 Randall Ramsey
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Gordon Vasseur

Wednesday Dinner - 04/29

Various meats, vegetables, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 04/29

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Donaldson,
 Carol Joyner, Mr. & Mrs. Burley
 Cannon
 5:45 - Mr. & Mrs. Randall Ramsey,
 Mr. & Mrs. Marlin Collins

Extended Session - 04/26

Bed Babies - Martha Timmons, Connie Taylor

Creepers/Toddlers - Mike & Tiffany Gentry

2's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

3's - Chris & Barbara Gaby

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$18,614.47
Difference from Goal	-\$11,173.18
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,096.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$21,710.47
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,251,081.40
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,139,126.96
Difference from Goal	-\$111,954.44
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,187,627.98
Decrease from Prior Year	\$48,501.02
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$50,247.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,710,643.48
Total Outstanding Debt	\$944,825.00

Sunday School Attendance

April 19, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	50
Children	65
Youth	55
Adults	363
Total	537



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Chi Rho preparing for ministry tour

The Chi Rho Youth Choir is singing in all of our services today. This dynamic ensemble of teenagers continues to grow musically, spiritually, and numerically. In addition to regular worship leadership, Chi Rho is preparing for their annual summer mission tour.

On June 6, the choir will be departing for a week of ministry in Asheville, North Carolina. Chi Rho will be singing in several churches and at The Cove, Billy Graham's Training Center. The choir will also be ministering to residents at the Veteran's Restoration Quarters, the Western North Carolina Baptist Retirement and Nursing Home, the Asheville VA

Medical Center which includes a nursing home, an Alzheimer's unit, and a hospice facility. The youth will also be serving meals at a homeless shelter and witnessing to people in several public parks and recreation areas.

One of the host pastors, Rick Ramsey of Grace Baptist Church, said, "So many youth choirs have just fallen apart and our young people have lost

that vision for ministry through music. I think that your visit will be a great shot in the arm for our congregation as we try to revitalize our ministry to young families. We are so excited about your visit."

A special youth and parent information meeting regarding the details of the summer youth choir mission tour will be held Wednesday, April 29, at 5:30 p.m. in the choir room. All youth choir members and at least one of the guardians are encouraged to attend.

Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms reports many church members have asked how they can support the youth choir. He responds, "Pray for us to hear God's call to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people wherever we go. We are keeping the cost of the tour as low as possible, but the current economy makes it difficult for parent chaperones to miss work and still pay for their children to go. So pray about these needs as well."



YOUTH

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worship in the 6:00 p.m. service tonight.

Personal testimonies will be shared by James Cunningham, Brogan Johnson, and Rebecca Emrich. Special music will be presented by Chi Rho Youth Choir and a praise band comprised of James David Hammons, Christian Johnson, Chris Mabry and Nathan Nelms will lead us in worship. The Luminesce Drama Team will present an interpretive movement piece. I will be sharing a message with the church family.

Thank you for supporting our youth with your continued prayers, words of encouragement and affirmation, and with your presence in the Bible studies and worship experiences offered today. Following the evening worship service there is a Youth Fellowship hosted by the Forresters at their home, which is located at 824 N. Washington Ave.



Forty-seven youth are teaching Sunday school classes today as part of Youth Sunday. Youth also will be leading in worship tonight at 6:00.

Bulletin Board

55+

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.

Senior Adult Day

Sunday, May 3



Lunch is provided by the church. Sign up in Sunday School or the church office. There will be many activities and opportunities for worship, service and fellowship.

Happy Tones Musical

Sunday, May 3



6:00 p.m.

The Happy Tones will be presenting *A Walk Down Memory Lane with the Happy Tones*. This is a compilation of songs and vignettes from previous senior adult musicals. The choir is directed by Carol Tittle.

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.

MEETINGS

Town Hall Budget Meetings

Wednesday, April 29 @ 5:30 p.m. in Room 177

Sunday, May 3 @ 7:00 p.m. in Old Chapel

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.

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

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Apr. 26

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 Bible Study
 5:30 P.M. Youth Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

Monday, Apr. 27

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Tuesday, Apr. 28

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Apr. 29

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens
 4:00 P.M. Children's Choir Bonus Reh.

5:00 P.M. Luminesce
 Supper Line Opens
 Chi Rho Youth Choir
 Youth on Mission

5:30 P.M. Yth Choir Parents Mtg
 Missions Comm. #145
 Preschool & Children's Choirs
 Budget Town Hall Mtg. - Room 177

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

Thursday, Apr. 30

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

Friday, May 1

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

Saturday, May 2

12:00 P.M. 55+ @ Mullins Farm for lunch

Sunday, May 3 SENIOR ADULT DAY

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Luncheon
 2:00 P.M. St. Kitts Mission Trip Mtg.
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 4:00 P.M. Choir Chimes
 Stewardship/Budget
 Fireproof Study #175
 5:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 6:00 P.M. Yth. Leader's Mtg.
 7:00 P.M. Budget Town Hall Mtg.

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