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## Pastor's Heart



We are a congregational church. As we said, (tongue in cheek) that means that "everyone has a say and no one gets their way."

Though a congregational church is essentially democratic, ultimately we are not seeking our will but we are together seeking God's will. Certainly that was evident in this year's budgeting process. Again I want to thank the committees who worked through the details, discussions, and suggestions from the congregation to arrive at a budget that we concluded was God's outline for this year.

Without a doubt many would have chosen to do something somewhat differently in the multiple lines of the budget, but together we chose to do what we could all prayerfully agree upon. The budget vote was 309 in favor and 18 opposed equaling an approval of over 94.5%. That is wonderful in this challenging economic environment.

During our formal presentation on Wednesday evening, June 10<sup>th</sup>, we began with a congregational prayer to express our heart to God. I believe it is worth printing here, for it has application to much of our life in and out of church.

### A Prayer for Our Meeting of Business

*Lord, our great desire is to please you in this meeting of the church. We desire your will to be done in us individually and as a congregation. We pray that the outcome, whether personally all that we individually desire*

*or not, will result in your will being done.*

*We have made a pledge as members of this body to love you and to love one another. We realize that the outcome of a business meeting will not always please everyone gathered and that sometimes I will be the individual not well pleased. Still, we will trust you to show us, as your church, your way. And we will work together both within this meeting and afterwards for unity and progress.*

*Lord, remind us when we speak that we may do great harm by the way we voice our opinions. Grant us wisdom when we speak and wisdom when we should be silent. Help us to walk in the humility necessary to see that our desires, though firmly held, may not be the best for the body. Give us the wisdom to be people who are hard to offend and easy to reconcile. Give us ears to hear one another, but especially ears to hear you.*

*Lord, remind us to speak when appropriate, to voice our concerns when needed, to share our thoughts on how to make improvements. Make us mindful of the sincerity of others and their opinions. Make us mindful of the hard work, prayer, thoughtful conversations, and research done by our committees. Let us not conclude that they somehow*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

There will be NO Wednesday night meal or activities this Wednesday, June 24. Please join us for hot dogs Thursday at 5:30 p.m. during VBS Family Night.

### Mission Opportunities

#### VBS Family Night Thursday, June 25

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a hot dog supper, experience a worship rally, visit classrooms and play games! Church members are needed to help make this a wonderful experience for everyone. If you can help, see Ann Hertzfeldt.

#### 13th Fall Jubilee

September 28-30

Gatlinburg

Featuring George Beverly Shea, Charles Stanley, Johnny Hunt, Chonda Pierce, Larnelle Harris, Karen Peck and New River. The cost is \$175 per person (two in a room), which includes admission, motel and several meals. Call Notie Moser at 432-4055 immediately for reservations.

#### Upcoming Worship Music

June 21 PM: Pulpit Pluckers

June 28 AM: Choir and Orchestra

June 28 PM: Favorite Hymn Sing

#### 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, JUNE 21, 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 PRAISE THE LORD

- \*Responsive Reading Ruth 2:4; Psalm 63:1-2 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- \*Hymn of Praise 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA
- \*Song of Praise "Step by Step" Beaker
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

- \*Fellowship Hymns 546 "Love Lifted Me" SAFETY

- 515 "There's A Land That Is Fairer Than Day" SWEET BY AND BY

- 132 "There Is Power in the Blood" Jones
- Testimony in Song "Beulah Land" arr. Kirkland
- Sanctuary Choir with the Pulpit Pluckers

- \*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

- \*Hymn of Assurance 410 "It Is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

#### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

- Sermon "Revealing the Spirit Filled Life: Peace" Dr. Adkisson
- Galatians 5:22

- \*Hymn of Commitment "In Christ Alone" Townsend/Getty

#### WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE

- Offertory Prayer David Hurcherson (8:15)

- Worship with Tithes and Offerings Jim Viar (10:45)

- Offertory Music "Peace, Peace, Wonderful Peace" (8:15) arr. Silkes

Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist

- "Here I Am to Worship" (10:45) arr. Lawrence

FBC Orchestra

- \*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 Dr. Adkisson

- \*Song of Benediction 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO

- \*Postlude Instrumentalists

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Bob Weatherholt given by Lois Weatherholt and family.*

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

- Prelude The Pulpit Pluckers

- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

- \*Fellowship Song "Do Lord' Medley" traditional

- \*Hymn of Testimony 441 "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" McDaniel

- Missions Testimonies Dr. Steve Farris

- Sermon Dr. Adkisson

- \*Hymn of Commitment 312 "Softly and Tenderly" THOMPSON

- \*Offertory Prayer Joe Church

- Offertory Music "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" traditional

The Pulpit Pluckers

- Sharing Spiritual Decisions

- \*Benediction Dr. Adkisson

- \*Postlude Instrumentalists



## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Greg Steeves - Chief Deacon  
Joe Church  
Ed Griggs  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Cashion

### Wednesday Dinner - 06/24

NO MEAL — VBS

### Extended Session - 06/21

**Bed Babies** - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt

**Creepers/Toddlers** - Mike & Keli Isabell

**2's** - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

**3's** - Chris & Tara Masters

### Stewardship Verse

God uses money to illustrate  
His Power.

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the Lord of hosts." (Mal. 3:10)

### Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$35,997.99
Difference from Goal	+\$6,210.34
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,855.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$39,852.99
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,489,382.60
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,377,850.31
Difference from Goal	-\$111,532.29
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,418,091.22
Decrease from Prior Year	\$40,240.91
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$57,754.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,718,150.48

### Sunday School Attendance

#### June 14, 2009

General Officers	3
Preschool	57
Children	51
Youth	43
Adults	364
<b>Total</b>	<b>518</b>



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# VBS Prayer Calendar

Pray for our vacation Bible School!

June 22-26

**Sunday, June 21:** Ask God to prepare workers for each class. Pray that He will fill any open positions with the people He has called into this ministry. *Luke 10:2*

Pray for a shield of protection around your church's VBS. Let no root of bitterness spring up to cause trouble. *Hebrews 12:15*

**Monday, June 22:** Pray that VBS workers and children will seek Jesus with all their hearts during and after Vacation Bible School. *Jeremiah 29:13*

**Tuesday, June 23:** Pray that God will reveal His love and help kids and workers discover how to live through Him. *1 John 4:9*

**Wednesday, June 24:** Pray that God will strengthen all the children and workers to follow the plan He has for them. *Philippians 4:13*

**Thursday, June 25:** Pray that children will follow Jesus and remain in His love. *John 15:9*

**Friday, June 26:** Thank God for the blessings and opportunities He has provided through Vacation Bible School.

## Youth VBS



Youth VBS 2009 is going to be awesome! Each night we will meet in different locations with different Bible study leaders. There will be great food, fellowship, and fun. Bring a guest to join you in the fun! Please provide your own transportation.

Date	Topic	Teacher	Location
Mon., June 22 7:00-9:00 p.m.	"Got Your Ticket?"	Lisa & Megan Hammons	Sallie & Gray Forrester's 824 N Washington Ave.
Tues., June 23 7:00-9:00 p.m.	"Feel the Beat?"	Jacob & Sandy Ramsaur	Abby Collins' 7739 Spring Creek Rd
Wed., June 24 7:00-9:00 p.m.	"Livin' the Word?"	Crystal Taylor	Sara Hall's 4272 Cedar Springs Dr.
Thur., June 25 7:30-9:00 p.m.	"In Concert?"	Rebecca Sharpe from Denver, CO	Youth Dept. 4th floor
Fri., June 26 7:00-9:00 p.m.	"Unplugged?"	Keith Emrich	Joe & Debbie Maberry's* 1153 Bill Smith Rd.

\* swimming available

## Townsend Trip



This group welcomed folks to Soggy Bottom during the Senior Adult luncheon on Sunday, June 14. Frank Tittle, Brenda Boyington, Mike and Beth Prowse, Carol Tittle and Connie Hawkins are part of a group that performed a skit that they will be sharing during their mission trip to Townsend July 6-10. The 55+ mission team will be doing campground ministry throughout the week. For more information on the trip, see Brenda Boyington.

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*did not do their work simply because we were not part of their deliberations or because their conclusions are different than ours.*

*Lord, remind us that decisions made can most often be changed, if the Body senses that circumstances have changed, that we have made an error in judgment or in practicality. Help us not to place too heavy of an emotional weight upon any single decision made, as if it is the focus of the church or the end of our mission. Lord, help us to carefully judge between essential issues of scripture and issues of opinion. Let us stand firmly upon your word and loosely upon our opinions. Let us neither make mountains out of procedures, budgets, or policies, nor molehills out of doctrine and sacred things. Let us never think that the church must please us individually in order to please you.*

*May your glory be renowned and your power be made evident in us. In Jesus name. Amen*

*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear. Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma." (Ephesians 4:29-5:2 NAS95)*

See you in worship.  
In His Love,  
Pastor Randy

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, June 21

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

### Monday, June 22

9:00 A.M. VBS  
1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
7:00 P.M. Yth VBS @ Forrester's

### Tuesday, June 23

9:00 A.M. VBS  
1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS @ Collins'

### Wednesday, June 24

9:00 A.M. VBS  
1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS - @ Hall's

### Thursday, June 25

9:00 A.M. VBS  
1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
5:30 P.M. VBS Family Night  
7:30 P.M. Yth. VBS @ FBC 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

### Friday, June 26

9:00 A.M. VBS  
1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS @ Maberry's

### Saturday, June 27

### Sunday, June 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

## Of Faith & Freedom

An Ecumenical Service  
Celebrating our Legacy of Liberty  
presented by

The Patriot Singers  
&

The Freedom Ringers  
**Sunday, June 28**  
**4:00 p.m.**

First Cumberland  
Presbyterian Church