



Pastor's Heart



Today we begin a journey through the Minor Prophets. They are called "minor" in relation to their length, not their importance. In comparison to the lengthy works of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel, the works of Obadiah, Joel, Micah, and the rest of the 12 are short indeed. Several are only one chapter in length marked only by

verses.

But do not confuse length with importance. These prophets of God brought important messages to Israel and now to us. In some we will find prophecies of Christmas. In some we will find important words repeated in the New Testament by Jesus or the Apostle. There is warning, expectation, judgment, and hope through the mouths of the prophets.

Why are we here? Because God laid this urging upon my heart. The realization is that all of God's word is important, yet these prophets are seldom studied in the church. Most will not know the order of the books or anything about the circumstances of their writing. Few realize the parallels between the days of the prophets and our own.

Who was Amos? How about Habakkuk? Why did God's judgment fall upon Israel? Is there a difference between Israel and Judah? These are questions we are expected to know. Who expects it? God does! He did not preserve His word for our neglect.

So join me between now and the New Year as we find God's truth for our lives in the Minor Prophets. Each week there will be a message from the prophets, along with the usual devotions for the week. Along with these, it is my aim to provide you with a short introduction to each study.

My prayer is that you will take the time to acquaint yourself with the prophet. I hope you will read the words of the prophet each week before we come to worship. I pray you will be intentional in seeking God and that you will ask Him to help you make application of the prophet's words to your life each week.

Our journey begins with the 21 verses of Obadiah. He is a minor prophet with a major word about pride.

See you in worship.

In His Love,
Pastor Randy

CONNECT RALLY

For

Youth/Students

August 23 & 24 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Featured Speaker: Cody Deese; Music: Daniel Bashata Band

Mission Opportunities

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, August 30. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Parent Study

Creative Correction
Wednesday 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Old Chapel
Amanda Keeton will lead the study. Call the church office to sing up. For information call Amanda at 525-1711.

Service with Children

Consider being a faithful servant of God teaching our precious children in one of the following areas:

- ◆ Mission Friends
- ◆ 4-year-old Sunday school
- ◆ 1st grade Sunday school
- ◆ 4th grade Sunday school
- ◆ Bible Buddies (1st-3rd grade)

See Robert Fuller, nominating committee chairman, or Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

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, AUGUST 23, 2009 8:15 & 10:45 A.M.

Worship/Children: For your comfort and that of others, children 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	Psalms 118:24	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Prelude	"The Communion Hymn" Todd Arnold, organist	COMMUNION
Words of Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Praise 15	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	NETTLETON
*Responsive Reading	Job 11:7-9; Psalm 145:3	Dr. Nelms
*Song of Praise	"Indescribable"	Story/Reeves
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Song of Illumination	"Ancient Words"	DeShazo
WE RECEIVE THE WORD		
Sermon	"A Minor Prophet Deals with A Major Issue" Obadiah 1-21	Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Commitment 210	"My Jesus, I Love Thee"	GORDON

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer		Gordon Vasseur (8:15)
Worship with Tribes and Offerings		Jim Viar (10:45)
Offertory Music	"The Old Rugged Cross"	arr. Paick
	Dr. Yoomi Paick, pianist (8:15)	Sanctuary Choir (10:45)
		arr. Wright

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY

*Responsive Call to Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Preparation "The Communion Hymn"
Stanzas 1-3

Invitation to the Table
Blessing and Sharing of the Bread
Gordon Vasseur (8:15)
Ron Kinser (10:45)

Hymn of Meditation
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"
Townend

Blessing and Sharing of the Cup
Don Williams (8:15)
Jim Viar (10:45)

Hymn of Meditation 144 "The Wonderful Cross"
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Dr. Adkisson

Sharing Spiritual Decisions
Sanctuary Choir Dedication (10:45)

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Statements of Affirmation
*Departing Hymn "The Communion Hymn"
Stanza 4
Gety/Townend
*Postlude
Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Youth Connect Revival will be held tonight and tomorrow night beginning at 6:00 PM. The featured speaker will be Cody Deese. The Music will be provided by The Daniel Bashata Band. Everyone is invited to attend.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ron Kinser - Chief Deacon
Gordon Vasseur
Dimas Aranda
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Donnie King

Wednesday Dinner - 08/26

Roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 08/26

5:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Joyner, Arleda Hunter

5:45 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Ed Griggs, Kreg Vaughn

Extended Session - 08/23

Bed Babies - Ralph & Paige Mills

Creepers/Toddlers - David & Michelle Price

2's - Tim & Tonya Hadlock

3's - Salee Adkisson

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,757.78
Difference from Goal	-\$4,980.87
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,566.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$25,323.78
Budget Goal to Date	\$201,170.58
Budget Gifts to Date	\$225,994.55
Difference from Goal	\$24,823.97
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$186,075.78
Increase from Prior Year	\$39,918.77
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$5,561.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,725,596.48

Sunday School Attendance

August 16, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	61
Children	70
Youth	51
Adults	354
Total	540



Church office: (931) 526-7108
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Deacon Nominees

Carl Johnson

Carl grew up in several different areas in middle Tennessee where his father served as a pastor and church planter. Carl says he made a profession of faith and was baptized at the age of nine. Growing up active in church he quickly discovered the difference in "participating and attending".

Carl is a graduate of Carson-Newman College and has served as a denominational servant at several Southern Baptist organizations. He spent 11 summers working RA camps for the Ten-



Wade Raines

Wade was born to Christian parents who raised him in the church and taught him about Christ with their words and actions. At the age of 9, Wade says he made a public profession of faith and was baptized. Since then, Wade has been an active member in several Baptist churches in different cities.



Jacob Ramsaur

Not growing up in a Christian home/environment, Jacob says he began attending church when he started dating the wonderful girl who would later become his wife. During this time, he made a profession of faith at the age of 19. Jacob spent the next 2-3 years learning what his new faith was all about and quickly



Steve Sharpe

Steve moved to Cookeville in 1968 with his parents Joe and Gerry Sharpe. Steve says he made a profession of faith and was baptized after Bro. George Capps visited in the home. Several years later while working at First Baptist on the janitorial staff, the Lord used his boss, Doug Bates, and



nessee Baptist Convention, four years on staff at Carson-Newman College, two years as a Camp Director with the Men's Ministry Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and four years as Manager/Director of a Training Center for the X-tended Missions Network/Northwest Baptist Association in Hernando, MS.

He and his wife, Melinda, moved to Cookeville four years ago. While at First Baptist, Carl and Melinda have helped lead several marriage retreats and seminars with Steve and Pam Farris. They also co-taught a couples' Sunday school class. Carl currently serves on the media ministry and plays trumpet in the orchestra.

His wife, Joyce, and he grew up in church together. Since retirement in 2005 and moving to Cookeville, after 35 years as an engineer, they have been able to spend more time in service at First Baptist.

Joyce directs the Three-Year Old Department in Sunday school and worked with Mission Friends. Wade works with the RAs, has gone on mission trips with the Builders for Christ, and has organized several hurricane rebuild trips to the Gulf. They work together on Operation Christmas Child and on the campground mission in Townsend.

learned that being a Christ follower was more participation than attendance.

Jacob, his wife, Sandy, and his children Jacob Ryan and Maddie moved to Cookeville four years ago so Jacob could return to school at Tennessee Tech University. He recently received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering and secured a job with J&S Construction Company.

The Ramsaurs joined FBC in January 2006. Jacob and Sandy currently teach 7th and 8th grade Sunday school in the Youth Department.

several others to bring him to an understanding that even though Steve had all of God; God did not have all of him. He rededicated his life and truly began to grow in his faith.

Steve and his wife, Linda, moved back to Cookeville in 1990. They have one daughter, Rebecca. Steve and Linda have been involved in Sunday school, first teaching College Bible study, and for the past 12 years leading in a couples class. Steve loves the ministry of Lighthouse Christian Camp in Smithville and volunteers as his schedule permits.

Bulletin Board



BIBLE STUDY

Book of Revelation Bible Study

Sundays @ 9:30 a.m., starting today
Old Chapel (Room 260)

If you are not already in a Sunday school class, join us for this study of Revelation. Bob Cantwell is teaching the class. For more information, contact Jerry or Brenda Gaw at 528-8101.



OUTREACH

Visitation

Today
4:30 p.m.

Bring your visiting team with you to the church. We will pray and proceed to visit your prospects or we will assign you some.

GOLFERS

Golf Outing

Saturday, August 29

8:00 a.m. @ White Plains

Cost is \$30 and includes breakfast. Plan on bringing a friend. Sign up by calling the church office by Wednesday Aug. 26.



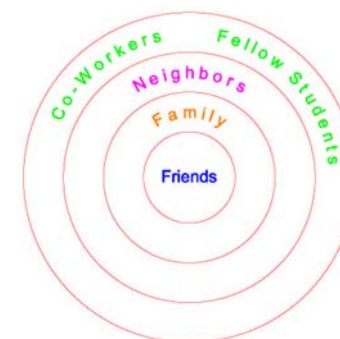
Invite a friend to join you for Friend Day August 30

By Steve Farris

Assistant Pastor for Outreach/Missions/Adult Education

Acts 1:8 says you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you and then you shall be my witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth. That begins with our Jerusalem. More specifically it refers to our Circle of Influence, our mission field -- the people we work and go to school with, friends, neighbors and family.

Circle of Influence



Let me again encourage you to pray everyday for those in your circle of influence. Ask them how you can pray for them and then do it. People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

My Mission Field

I also want to encourage you to make a special effort to bring a friend with you on Sunday, August 30 and as a class to make Friend Day special by allowing more time for fellowship and time just to get to know each other better.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Aug. 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Connect Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. RA/GA Lake Day
Ragland Bottom
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
4:30 P.M. Outreach
6:00 P.M. Youth/Student
Connect Rally

Monday, Aug. 24

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
6:00 P.M. Youth/Student
Connect Rally

Tuesday, Aug. 25

8:45 A.M. MDO
7:00 P.M. Volleyball - FBC
Green

Wednesday, Aug. 26

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

6:00 P.M. Fireproof Study
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir
Missions Groups
Youth Worship/
Bible Study

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

Thursday, Aug. 27

6:15 P.M. Youth Volleyball -
FBC Orange
7:45 P.M. Youth Volleyball -
FBC Green

Friday, Aug. 28

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
10:00 A.M. S.S. Mtg. 3 yr old
Teachers-Café
12:00 P.M. TTU Church Fair-
Sherwood Park

Saturday, Aug. 29

8:00 A.M. Golf Outing-White
Plains

Sunday, Aug. 30

Friend Day-High Attendance Sunday
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
Connect Class
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 P.M. Yth/TTU Rib Luncheon
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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