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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



In many Christian circles it is unpopular to speak of hell as a reality or to approach witnessing from a 'life after death' standpoint. The politically correct understanding in much of modern evangelism is that 'hell' and 'death' do not belong in polite conversation. (Yes, there is a politically correct among Christians, too.)

So it was with starkness that Jon Meacham's editorial in Newsweek magazine this week broke the pattern of 'niceness'. He declares, "The fear of death is one of the most primal and perennial human instincts, if not *the* most primal." And he is correct.

Every man and woman born faces the reality of death and the unknown of the other side of life. Every man and woman must find a way to deal with this reality.

God placed the fear within our souls so that we would long for His peace. The fear is real. Hell is real. Eternity separated from God and all that is pleasant, good, and peaceful is real.

The theme is one that reaches every soul at some point in his/her life. Do not be afraid to speak of it with others. God placed the anxiety of death in the hearts of men to open the door of witness.

There is but one who conquered death and made the grave anemic. His name is Jesus and those who know Him can shout, "Oh death, where is your victory! Oh death, where is your sting?"

I am in Georgia this morning preaching the Homecoming service at First Baptist Austell and I will preach of the eternal realities of heaven and hell, of grace and of life. Steve Farris is bringing God's word to you this morning and tonight.

Let the word of God dwell in you richly. Let he who has ears, hear!

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

CARE CENTER COAT DRIVE

The Care Center will be conducting a coat drive beginning October 4. Please bring your CLEAN, gently worn coats to church on October 4 and October 11 and let them be used in ministering to those in need this winter.

Mission Opportunities

Mission Trip
If you would like to participate in the mission trip to North India next February, please contact Bro. Steve. Deposits are due by October 11.

Operation Christmas Child
This is the time to get some special gifts like beach balls, flip flops, washcloths and school supplies for your little boy or girl. Folks are also needed to make tote bags to put in the boxes. If you would like to be a volunteer, call Brenda Spain at 265-0645.

Upward & Devoted Basketball
Do you have a passion for sports, children and/or youth? If so we need you for Upward Basketball and Cheerleading™ and Devoted Basketball. We are currently looking for people to fill leadership roles such as Devotions Commissioner, Coaches Commissioner, Referee Commissioner, coaches and referees. To find out more about these positions, call Colleen Cox at 526-7108.

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, SEPTEMBER 20, 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 children's 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 WORSHIP

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL
Carol Tittle, organist
- Words of Welcome Rev. Bill Stone
- *Fellowship Hymn 425 "He Keeps Me Singing" SWEETEST NAME
- *Responsive Reading Philippians 4:4-7 Dr. Nelms
- *Hymn of Praise 197 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL
- Anthem (10:45) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Allen
Sanctuary Choir
- *Pastoral Prayer concluding with the Lord's Prayer Dr. Nelms

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

- *Hymn of Illumination "Speak, O Lord" Gety/Townend
- Sermon "Fireproof Your Faith" Dr. Steve Farris
- *Commitment Hymn 412 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" LANDAS

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

- Offertory Prayer Harold Garrett (8:15)
Jack Mattson (10:45)
- Worship with Tribes and Offerings
- Offertory Music "Promised Land" arr. Sikes
Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist
- *Presentation of Offering

- *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
- WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD**
- *Benediction Rev. Stone
- *Departing Chorus 648 "Go With God" Forbis
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude Cole Jennings, pianist
- Welcome and Introductions Dr. Nelms
- Ministry of the School for Performing Arts John Gardner
- *Song of Praise "God of Wonders" Byrd/Hindalong
- Scripture Reading Psalm 19:1-4a Rebecca Emrich
- Anthem of Praise "I Will Sing" Chi Rho Youth Choir Crouch
- Scripture Reading Isaiah 45:18-19 James David Hammons
- *Hymn of Praise 43 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA PATRIS
- Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-21 Victoria Emrich
- Message in Song "Empty of Me" Lantz
Chi Rho Youth Choir
- Sermon "The Crowns of Glory" Dr. Farris
- Interpretive Movement "I Can Only Imagine" MercyMe
Katie Mills
- Invitation "We Fall Down" Tomlin
- *Commitment Song Bronn Rayne
- *Offertory Prayer Angie Chen, pianist
- Musical Offering
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- *Benediction Rev. Stone
- *Postlude Todd Arnold, pianist

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon
Donnie King
Robert Fuller
David Hutcherson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Randall Ramsey

Wednesday Dinner - 09/23

Spaghetti casserole, salad, bread, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/23

5:00 p.m. - Barbara Clouse, Arleida Hunter, Grace Renell, Mike Shirley

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

Extended Session - 09/20

Bed Babies - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt

Creepers/Toddlers - Mike & Keli Isabell

2's - Patricia Fuller, Stephanie Arp

3's - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$33,044.77
Difference from Goal	+\$4,306.12
Total Designated Gifts	\$841.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$33,885.77
Budget Goal to Date	\$316,125.19
Budget Gifts to Date	\$331,803.78
Difference from Goal	+\$15,678.59
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$300,535.36
Increase from Prior Year	\$31,268.42
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$7,466.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,727,501.48

Sunday School Attendance

September 13, 2009

General Officers	3
Preschool	62
Children	64
Youth	45
Adults	410
Total	584

Evening worship to feature students from SPA

The evening worship service today will feature two students from the Stevens Street School of Performing Arts (SPA). Jonathan Nelms serves on the SPA Advisory Board and has invited John Gardner who directs the school to share some information about its ministry to the community. John wrote the following article and will be at First Baptist tonight to introduce the students who will be playing. A display with more information is located in the central lobby.



Angie Chen taking piano lessons at the Stevens Street School of Performing Arts.

Music is fun! But did you know that studying music also helps kids develop mentally, socially, physically, and spiritually? It's true! Active participation in music is a holistic experience that uniquely prepares children for a lifetime of success.

Playing an instrument gives students a big advantage in school, and eventually in the workforce. Musicians learn the value of sustained effort and attention to detail as they diligently practice, and then reap the benefits of their hard work. They learn to think creatively and to solve problems. They learn how to deal with anxiety in a healthy way. They learn to be "do-ers" rather than "observers". They learn when (not if!) they make mistakes to keep on going!

It is because of these and many other "real world" benefits of music education that people who have studied music as children consistently have higher test scores, higher college acceptance rates, higher job placement, higher income, and higher self-esteem. Did we mention that it's also a lot of fun?

The Stevens Street Baptist Church School of Performing Arts opened in August 2005 with the purpose of providing individualized, Christ-centered musical instruction that will develop our students both spiritually and mentally. We believe that the Church should embrace its Biblical mandate to teach and disciple through the arts, and we are committed to raising generations of worshipers who will use their talents to glorify God as part of the Body of Christ.

Now beginning our fifth year, our enrollment has grown to over 100 students. We offer instruction in piano, violin, guitar, voice, drums, woodwinds, and brass, taught by highly-qualified music educators who love the Lord and have a passion for investing in the lives of students.

People are often surprised to learn that children are ready to begin making music at a very young age, though it's never too late to learn. Our students range in age from 3 to "old enough to know better" (senior adult). Anyone can learn to play music! All it takes is the desire to learn and the determination to work hard.

We are always seeking people to partner with us in ministry. Do you have a dusty instrument that's been in your closet for 20 years? We can use it! Are you able to help sponsor a child? We offer financial assistance to those who are unable to afford lessons. Can you teach an instrument? We can never have too many instructors!

For more information about registering for lessons, or for how you can be involved in helping us reach as many children as possible, please call 526-6398 or visit our website www.cookevillemusic.com.

Bulletin Board

CHILDREN

I'm a Christian Now

Sundays, beginning tonight
6:00 p.m.

Rooms 326 & 327

Has your child recently accepted Christ? This four-week class will help children understand what it means to be a Christian, the importance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, their role as a church member, and getting started in daily Bible study and prayer.

STUDENTS

See You at the Pole

Wednesday, September 23

7:00 a.m.

This year's theme is very simple: Engage: Go and pray... GO to your school flagpole on Wednesday morning and PRAY for your friends, family, school, community and the world.

MINISTRY

Free Divorce Counseling

Ages 4-up

First and Third Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Presented by Heart of the Cumberland. Call 525-2600 for more information or to join a divorce group.

SPORTS/RECREATION

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading-

SIGN UP NOW!

Kindergarten-6th grade

Cost: \$50

Upward provides equal playing time for all players and recognizes that Every Child Is A Winner™. After October 30 the cost goes up \$10. Cost includes a t-shirt and reversible jersey for basketball or for cheerleading, a cheerleading uniform and poms along with car magnet, music CD and end-of-season award. Deadline for registration is Nov. 9.

Devoted Basketball

SIGN UP NOW!

7th-12th grade

Cost: \$25

Each player receives equal playing time. The league uses USSSA rules. Cost includes a t-shirt. Deadline for registration is November 9.



Stewardship Verse

God uses money to enable us to give to others.

"Instruct those who are rich in this present world . . . to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share" (1 Tim. 6:17-18).

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Sept. 20

8:15 A.M.	First Worship
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
12:00 P.M.	Youth Lunch/Outreach
4:00 P.M.	Orchestra Handbells
4:30 P.M.	Anointed, Transf, Redeemed #177
5:00 P.M.	Bible Buddies Children's Bible Drill
5:30 P.M.	Youth Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.	I'm a Christian Now
7:00 P.M.	Youth Choir Parent Meeting

Monday, Sept. 21

5:00 P.M.	Harp Ensemble
5:30 P.M.	Sanctuary Choir Officers Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

8:45 A.M.	MDO
6:15 P.M.	Volleyball - FBC Green

Wednesday, Sept. 23

7:00 A.M.	See You At the Pole
3:00 P.M.	FLC Open
3:30 P.M.	Study Hall
4:15 P.M.	Choir Chimes
5:00 P.M.	Supper Line Opens Children's Choirs Chi Rho Yth Choir Youth on Mission
6:30 P.M.	Prayer Meeting Sanctuary Choir Missions Groups Colligate Bible Study Youth Worship/ Bible Study Parent Study- Old Chapel
7:30 P.M.	FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Sept. 24

9:30 A.M.	CBS
10:00 A.M.	Happy Tones Reh
6:15 P.M.	Youth Volleyball - FBC Orange
6:30 P.M.	UC Women's Conf Mtg.
7:45 P.M.	Youth Volleyball - FBC Green

Friday, Sept. 25

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

Saturday, Sept. 26

Sunday, Sept. 27

8:15 A.M.	First Worship
9:30 A.M.	Sunday School
10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
1:30 P.M.	Youth Choir Departs for Revival
4:30 P.M.	Anointed, Transf, Redeemed #177
5:00 P.M.	Bible Buddies Children's Bible Drill
6:00 P.M.	Evening Worship
6:00 P.M.	I'm a Christian Now
9:00 P.M.	Youth Choir returns from Revival

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