

Pastor's Heart



It's Thanksgiving week, a great time to do as the hymn says and "count your many blessings one by one." Let this week be a time when you consciously give thanks to God and to others. Let the words flow from your mouth more often than usual. Let them flow in prayer and in daily conversation.

Certainly, thank God for the many blessings that you have enjoyed this year, your family perhaps, or your health. In this economically troubled time, count the blessings of the mere necessities of life: food, shelter, clothing. If by chance you have much more, be doubly thankful and think of ways that you can share.

Thanksgiving is a great time to remember the blessings of your church family. Thank God for the friends who worship with you at First Baptist. Be conscious of the many benefits that God gives you through your church. It is a place of worship, a family of caring, a headquarters for missions, an opportunity to serve. God's word is proclaimed here. Children are nurtured here. In small ways and great ones, in local ways and global ones God is blessing in and through First Baptist Church.

As I count my blessings, you are certainly one of my greatest. I thank our Lord for His grace in calling me to shepherd you. You are in my prayers this season and always.

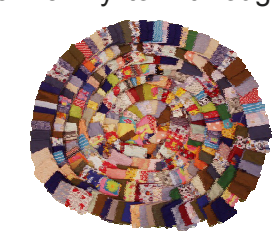
Remember that tonight we will have a discussion and vote on the proposed change of worship schedule. The reactions that I have heard have been very positive. We will certainly have time to discuss the schedule and any implications in tonight's business meeting. I hope you will be a part of that discussion. If approved, the new schedule will take place next week with the first Sunday of Advent. Make sure that this is a matter of prayer for you as we together seek merely to follow the leading of the Lord.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

A circle of love

By Brenda Spain

I just wanted the church family to see our "Circle of Love." Isn't it beautiful? There are 337 absolutely beautiful totes here that represent love for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes that were filled this



week. More totes have come in throughout the week from you sweet volunteers!

Inside a group of the totes is a label that reads God is love. What a beautiful picture...it reminds me of the song "Jesus Loves the Little

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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, November 29. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Military Addresses

If you have a service person listed on the Watchman, we would like their address so they can be sent cards. If you have a loved one who is serving in the military and not on the Watchman list, call the church office at 526-7108 to add them.

Trinidad Mission Trip

Spaces are still available for the Trinidad mission trip March 6-13. If you are interested, see Bill Stone or Steve Farris. A \$100 deposit is due immediately.

Furniture

If anyone has used furniture they would like to donate to the needy, please contact Steve Farris 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, NOVEMBER 22, 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 GATHER TO WORSHIP

Video Presentation 2010 Upper Cumberland Women's Conference

Prelude "We Gather Together" (8:15) KREMSER
Carol Title, organist

Welcome and Fellowship "Heaven Medley" (10:45) arr. Cranfill
FBC Orchestra

*Gathering Song "I Will Enter His Gates" Dr. Randall Adkisson
Brethorst

*Choral Proclamation (10:45) "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Dickinson
Sanctuary Choir and FBC Orchestra

*Responsive Reading Psalm 100 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Hymn of Praise 637 ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD

*Pastoral Prayer "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Dr. Adkisson

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Sermon "The Right Side of Judgment" Dr. Adkisson
Nahum 1:3

*Invitation Song "The Communion Hymn" Getty/Townend

Offertory Prayer "Thankful" Groban
Worship with Tithes and Offerings Harold Garrett (8:15)
Offertory Music Jonathan Enix, soloist with Todd Arnold, pianist Jack Mattson (10:45)

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

*Responsive Call to Thanksgiving
 Invitation to the Table
 Blessing and Sharing of the Bread
 Song of Meditation "Give Thanks"
 Blessing and Sharing of the Cup
 Song of Meditation "Lamb of God"
 Prayer of Thanksgiving
 Sharing of Spiritual Decisions
 Benediction
 *Departing Song 648 "Go With God"
 *Postlude Instrumentalists

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Terry Roberson given by Shirle and Reba Roberson

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude Todd Arnold, pianist
 Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
 *Song of Praise "Let Everything That Has Breath"
 Responsive Reading Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 45:18
 Song of Praise "God of Wonders" arr. Parks
 Chi Rho Youth Choir with Krisi Cox, soloist;
 Nathan Nelms, congas; and James Hammons, shaker
 *Hymn of Praise 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Coates
 Scripture Reading Ephesians 5:15-21
 Testimony in Song "Empty of Me"
 Chi Rho Youth Choir
Discussion and Vote on proposed schedule change

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
 Tim Collins
 Chris Vick
 Chris Wilson
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Chris Wilson

Wednesday Dinner - 11/26

NO MEAL

Extended Session - 11/22

Bed Babies - Ralph & Paige Mills

Creepers/Toddlers - Melanie Hutcherson, Sissy Vick

2's - Tim & Tanya Hadlock

3's - Salee Adkisson, Debbie Ramsey

Stewardship Verse

We give because God first gave to us.
 "...freely you received, freely give."
 Matthew 10:8

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$22,771.05
Difference from Goal	-\$5,967.60
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,904.42
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,675.47
Budget Goal to Date	\$574,773.08
Budget Gifts to Date	\$562,078.47
Difference from Goal	-\$12,694.61
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$526,506.19
Increase from Prior Year	\$35,572.28
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$15,109.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,735,144.48

Sunday School Attendance

November 15, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	59
Children	63
Youth	60
Adults	362
Total	548



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Advent begins next week

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, November 29, and ends with Christmas Eve. From the Latin word which means "coming" or "arrival," Advent is a time for Christians to consider the first coming of Jesus Christ as a babe in Bethlehem as well as his second coming. Advent is a time of preparation. We are preparing not only to celebrate Christmas, but we are preparing for Christ to return. Throughout the next four weeks our corporate worship will feature carols, scripture readings, and sermons that follow this theme of preparation.

Back in 2000, I published an Advent devotional booklet that featured daily devotionals written by members of First Baptist Church, some of whom have gone to be with the Lord. Glenda and I will be posting these devotionals and other resources for Advent on our website: www.tools4worship.com. Please visit our site for more information about beginning and maintaining your own daily times of personal and family worship. We hope this will encourage you to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace,
 Jonathan Nelms

Chi Rho Fall Retreat



The Chi Rho Youth Choir had a great retreat last weekend. Fifty youth and adults spent three days in rehearsal, worship, and recreation. Held at the 4-H Camp in Crossville, the retreat culminated with leading morning worship at Bear Cove Baptist in Sparta.

Parent-Child Dedication

First Baptist will have a time of Parent-Child Dedication during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 13. Families need to be registered to participate in this special time of worship. During this time, 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. Call the church office or place this form in the offering plate to register your family by Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Parent/Child Dedication Form

Name _____

Parents _____

Worship Service _____

Birth Date _____

Bulletin Board



CHURCHWIDE

Thanksgiving Service

November 29 @ 6:00 p.m.
 Sanctuary

The IMB Regional Leader for the Himalayan Basin will be the guest speaker for a joint Thanksgiving service. Come and hear about opportunities in Northern India, Bhutan and Nepal.

Thanksgiving Schedule
Wednesday — No activities; FLC closed
Thursday — Office & FLC closed
Friday — Office & FLC closed

CHURCHWIDE

Christmas Musical & Tasting Party

Sunday, December 13
 6:00 p.m.

This delightful concert is sure to be a worshipful experience. Featuring the Sanctuary Choir, Youth Choir, handbells and orchestra, this music will center our focus on the true meaning of Christmas.



CHILDREN

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 18
 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall & FLC

This is for children ages 3-6th grade. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 13. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.



Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due by Sunday, December 6. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name _____

Please place _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory of _____

OR

In honor of _____

_____ I will pick up (after Christmas Eve service) _____ Take to shut in

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Nov. 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 4:00 P.M. Handbells
 5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies
 Children's Bible Drill
 5:30 P.M. Yth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 Called Business Meeting/Vote
 7:00 P.M. YAC Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 23

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Tuesday, Nov. 24

8:45 A.M. MDO
 6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Reh.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

No Activities or services at FBC

Thursday, Nov. 26

Happy Thanksgiving
 Office & FLC Closed

Friday, Nov. 27

Office & FLC Closed

Saturday, Nov. 28

Sunday, Nov. 29

TBA Sunday School
 TBA Worship
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 Handbells
 5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies
 Children's Bible Drill
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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Children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his site, Jesus Loves the little children of the world!" I think every color in the rainbow is represented here.

The volunteers had a wonderful week placing totes in the shoeboxes and praying for each and every box. Many thanks to each of you!

