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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

## IMB missionary Nathan Shank shares this morning and tonight

By Steve Farris

Nathan Shank, one of our IMB missionaries, will be our guest speaker this morning and also tonight for our annual joint Thanksgiving service at 6:00. This is a great way to kick off Lottie Moon and to hear about opportunities in Northern India, Bhutan and Nepal.

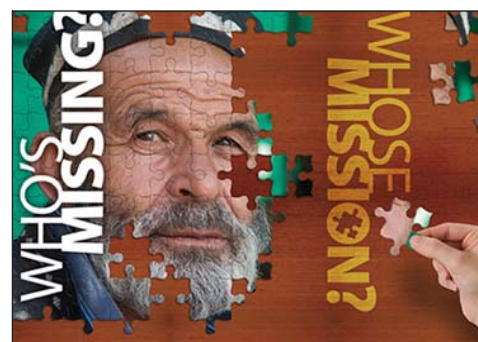
Nathan oversees 38 missionary families in an area of the world with a population of 160 million people. He and his wife are the parents of four and currently live in North India. Nathan is working with those who translated and printed the first Bible in the Bhutanese language that we, Lifeway and other area churches sponsored. Our missions committee has voted to partner with Nathan and the Himalayan Basin for the next three years.



Nepal

Also joining us today are Joe and Linda Ledford, who do an excellent job coordinating the campground ministries in Townsend, Tennessee that our church is a part of. In the Central Lobby, you will also find displays from our WMU, Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action, Upward and Devoted, info about next year's mission trips to the Himalaya Basin and Caribbean, and Lighthouse Christian Camp.

Let me say a huge well done to all of you who worked and participated in Operation Christmas Child! If you would like to see the faces of underprivileged children experiencing the joy of Christmas giving and receiving, be sure and stop by the Lighthouse Christian Camp table. They will be having Christmas parties December 5 and 12 and need some volunteers to help.



## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

For International Missions

Church Goal: \$40,000

Amount to date: \$4,080.00

### Mission Opportunities

#### Advent Resources

Find daily devotions for the Advent season at [www.tools4worship.com](http://www.tools4worship.com).

#### WMU Day Group Meeting

Tuesday, December 1 @ 9:45 a.m.  
Café area

The program is to be the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering missions emphasis. Everyone is invited to bring a finger food and come join us to learn more about our international missionaries.

#### 5th Sunday Food Drive

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.

#### 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 29, 2009 10:00 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

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Song of Celebration	"Here I am to Worship"	Hughes
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Adoration 208	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	BEECHER
Introduction to Advent		Dr. Nelms
Lighting the First Candle of Advent		Nelms Family
*Responsive Reading including Isaiah 9 and 1 John 1:5, 7		
*Hymn of Praise 77	"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"	HYFRYDOL
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Missions Testimony		Richard Newman
Song of Illumination	"Speak, O Lord"	Gety/Townend
<b>WE RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD</b>		
Sermon		Nathan Shank
*Invitation Hymn 579	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	SHINE
<b>WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING</b>		
Offertory Prayer		Steve Sharpe
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		

#### WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Offertory Music	"We Who Were Walking in Darkness"	arr. Fertke
*Presentation of Offering	Sanctuary Choir	
*Doxology	"Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee"	HYMN TO JOY
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions		
Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus 657	"Go Out and Tell"	PLANO
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Jean Cashion given by Richard Cashion and Michelle Sweet.*

#### SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Prelude		Todd Arnold, pianist
*Hymn of Celebration 95	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	GO TELL IT
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Song of Mission	"Across the Lands"	Gety/Townend
Introductions and Presentations		Dr. Steve Farris
Missions Testimony		Kassandra Newman
Testimony in Song		The Glorylanders
Sermon		Nathan Shank
*Commitment Hymn 285	"Wherever He Leads I'll Go"	FALLS CREEK
Offertory Prayer		Rev. Mark Gaw
Musical Offering		The Glorylanders
*Closing Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus 95	"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"	chorus only
*Postlude		Instrumentalists



## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Gordon Vasseur - Chief Deacon  
Dimas Aranda  
Larry Taylor  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: John Zhu

### Wednesday Dinner - 12/02

Chicken tenders, mashed potatoes, peas, salad, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 12/02

5:00 p.m. - Lynn & Cliff Taylor, Bonnie Rivera, Don Williams

5:45 p.m. - Jenny Kinser, Melanie Hutcherson, Mike Shirley

### Extended Session - 11/29

Bed Babies - Pat Huskins, Sharon King

Creepers/Toddlers - Mark & Lou Ann Herberman

2's - Laura & Bobby Rich

3's - Russell & Shelley Fredley

## Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$24,388.69
Difference from Goal	-\$4,349.96
Total Designated Gifts	\$6,605.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$30,993.69
Budget Goal to Date	\$603,511.73
Budget Gifts to Date	\$586,467.16
Difference from Goal	-\$17,044.57
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$545,382.57
Increase from Prior Year	\$41,084.59
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$16,680.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,736,715.48

## Sunday School Attendance

### November 15, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	59
Children	63
Youth	60
Adults	362
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>



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# We did it! 700 shoeboxes

Operation Christmas Child is over for 2009. What a successful year we have had! Thank you First Baptist for exceeding our goal by 103 boxes!!!!!! WOW! The total for the Upper Cumberland was 13,520. How excited our volunteers were to see each of you coming in with boxes!

There are going to be millions of happy children that get a gift -- probably their first gift ever -- and also hear about the greatest gift of all -- Jesus. I was told this week that every eighth child that hears the gospel message accepts Jesus as their Lord and Savior! What a privilege it is for us to be a part of that number. Most likely we won't really



know the effects until we meet them in heaven one day!

I started tearing up every time I saw a pair of shoes in a box. I remember opening one box and there was two of everything in it. What a blessing!

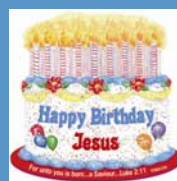
So many thanks for each prayer, each volunteer, each tote that made this year such a success! Next year will be even more exciting with more opportunities for God's Word to reach more children. Thank you, God bless you and may you remember the child that is going to receive your box in the near future.

## Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 18

6:00-8:00 p.m.

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.

## 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	_____

# Christmas Music Schedule

Special Christmas music will be presented during every service in December until Christmas. Here is an overview of the ensembles that are scheduled:

**December 6:** Morning: Young Musicians Older Children's Choir; Happy Tones Senior Adult Choir; and the Praise Ringers Handbell Team

Evening: Heart Strings Harp Ensemble and Luminesce Creative Arts Team  
**December 13:** Morning: Music Makers Young Children's Choir; Sanctuary Choir; and FBC Orchestra

Evening: Chi Rho Youth Choir; Sanctuary Choir; FBC Orchestra; and Praise Ringers

### December 20:

Morning: Music Time Older Preschool Choir and the Sanctuary Choir  
Evening: Children's ChoirChimes and the Remnant Praise Band

## Christmas musical and tasting party planned

A festival of Christmas music will be presented on Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. The Youth Choir, Sanctuary Choir, Church Orchestra, and Handbell Team will be presenting "Good News: Jesus Is Born." This wonderful time of worship will feature the great carols of Christmas as well as some exciting new songs about the Lord's birth.



Everyone who attends the program will be invited to a Victorian tasting party afterwards. Both the Fellowship Hall and the Family Life Center will have decorations, finger foods, beverages, and live music.

This is not a meal, but it is a time to enjoy Christian fellowship and delicious seasonal treats. Seating will be provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute finger foods for the event. Prepackaged donations may be brought to the Central Lobby or the church office. Fresh food may be brought to the Fellowship Hall or FLC on December 13 after 4:00 p.m. Please sign up in the Central Lobby if you are planning to bring food. Invite your friends and family and plan now to attend this festive event.

## 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. 29

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
4:00 P.M. Handbells  
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies  
Children's Bible Drill  
6:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Service w/IMB

### Monday, Nov. 30

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh  
4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices  
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble  
7:00 P.M. Christmas Parade

### Tuesday, Dec. 1

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group  
4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices

### Wednesday, Dec. 2

3:00 P.M. Open Gym  
3:30 P.M. Study Hall  
5:00 P.M. Supper line opens  
Youth Choir  
Children's Choirs  
Youth on Mission  
Stewardship Com. Mtg.

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir  
Children's Missions  
Yth Bible Study/  
Worship  
7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Dec. 3

9:15 A.M. Happy Tones to Standing Stone  
9:30 A.M. CBS  
4:00 P.M. Upward/Devoted Practices

### Friday, Dec. 4

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

### Saturday, Dec. 5

**Sunday, Dec. 6**  
8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
Handbells  
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies  
Children's Bible Drill  
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
7:00 P.M. YAC Tree Trim Party

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org).