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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

You are invited to

Good News: Jesus Is Born!

A festival of Christmas music presented by
The Music Ministry of First Baptist Church

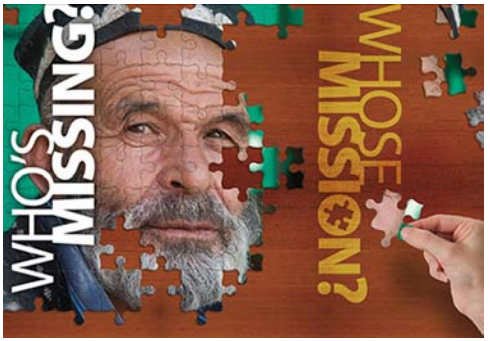
TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m.

This delightful Christmas concert will feature adult and youth choirs, handbells, and the church orchestra.

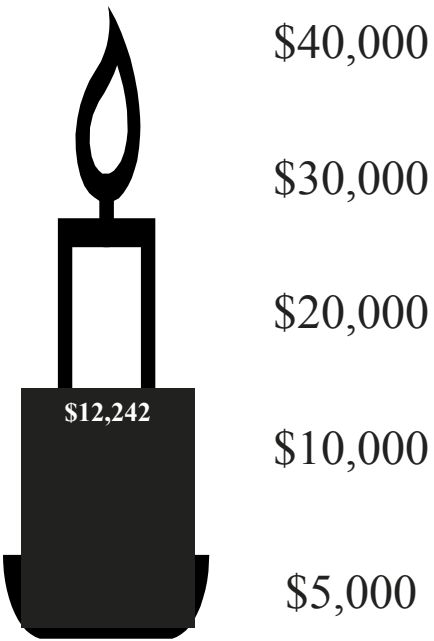
A Victorian Christmas tasting party featuring holiday foods will be held following the concert.

Nursery will be provided only for concert.

Church members are encouraged to park in the gravel lot across the street to allow space for our guests.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For International Missions
Church Goal: \$40,000



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, DECEMBER 13, 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 CELEBRATE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 and Luke 2:14 Jonathan Nelms
- *Carol of Praise 100 "Angels, We Have Heard on High" GLORIA
- *Lighting the Third Candle of Advent Russell Family
- *Responsive Reading including Isaiah 60:1-3
- Anthem of Praise "Tell the Good News!" arr. Bailey
- "Unto Us" Moore
- Music Makers Younger Children's Choir
- Tammy Wilson, director

- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Joy "Joy Has Dawned" Getty/Townend
- Parent and Child Dedication
- *Pastoral Prayer of Dedication Dr. Adkisson
- WE HEAR THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE**
- Message in Testimony "What Child Is This?" arr. Helvey
- Sanctuary Choir with Yoomi Paick, pianist
- Sermon "Prepare the Way" Dr. Adkisson
- Malachi 4:5-6 & Luke 1:17
- *Commitment Hymn "Be the Centre" Frye

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

- Offertory Prayer Chris Vick
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Lottie Moon Missions Offering Video Presentation Steve Farris
- *Presentation of Offering
- *Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH
- Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

- Promotional Moment for Christmas Musical and Tasting Party
- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Departing Chorus "As We Go" Johnson
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Jack Mattson - Chief Deacon
Don Williams
Steve Sharpe
Howard Stephenson
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Cashion

Wednesday Dinner - 12/16

Christmas Meal: Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, ambrosia, rolls and dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/16

5:00 p.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Joyner

5:45 p.m. - C.W. Ramsay, Damen Andrews, Jessica Young, Barbara Clouse

Extended Session - 12/13

Bed Babies - Anielka Artola, Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Lily Qiu, Becky Holbrook

2's - Patricia Fuller, Stephanie Arp

3's - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

Budget

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| Budget Goal per Week | \$28,738.65 |
| Budget Gifts this Week | \$41,527.60 |
| Difference from Goal | +\$12,788.95 |
| Total Designated Gifts | \$10,056.00 |
| Total Gifts this Week | \$51,583.60 |
| Budget Goal to Date | \$660,989.04 |
| Budget Gifts to Date | \$641,686.34 |
| Difference from Goal | -\$19,302.70 |
| Budget Gifts to Date Last Year | \$595,115.29 |
| Increase from Prior Year | \$46,571.05 |
| Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date | \$17,358.00 |
| Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts | \$2,737,393.48 |

Sunday School Attendance

December 6, 2009

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| General Officers | 4 |
| Preschool | 55 |
| Children | 62 |
| Youth | 41 |
| Adults | 349 |
| Total | 511 |



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Stewardship update

Is our glass half full or half empty? If you're a "half full" kind of person, you'll be happy to know that giving is currently about eight percent above giving at the same time last year. That's great news for our church and great news for the kingdom work we do. If you're a "half empty" kind of person, you'll notice in our weekly budget updates that we're about three percent behind our budget needs.

Stewardship

Verse

Love is the foundation of all giving.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. . ." (John 3:16).

December is a great time to catch up on your tithe if you've fallen behind. It's also a great time to designate a gift over and above your tithe for a specific need in our church. A gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering directly supports international missionaries. Every penny given to Higher, Greater, Together goes to pay additional principal on our building loan. A gift designated for benevolence will meet the immediate needs of those in our own community.

Regardless of the purpose, your gift will make a difference this Christmas. Whether your glass is "half empty" or "half full," I encourage you to seek the Lord to see what your gifts could or should be and give whatever He asks you to.

Tom Timmerman
Chair, Stewardship Committee

Snow Policy

1. Sunday Services, programs and activities will be determined by the severity of the weather. Every effort will be made to have Sunday School and the **10:00 a.m.** worship service.
2. Wednesday night services, programs, fellowship meal and activities will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes **when prudent** and will follow policy #6 (below). Mother's Day Out will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes in all cases. Any other Wednesday events will follow #6 (below) to announce changes.
3. Evening programs during the week will be determined by the severity of the weather. See policy #6 (below).
4. If at all possible, the church office will be open.
5. If at all possible, the Family Life Center will be open from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on "snow days". Free Play policies are in effect: one guest only per person, children fourth grade and below must be accompanied by a person age 16 years or older. Evening activities will be determined by the severity of the weather.
6. ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON www.fbccookeville.org AS WELL AS THE SNOW LINE (526-4685), AND, IF POSSIBLE, WILL BE BROADCAST ON WHUB RADIO (1400 AM/98.5 FM) AND CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL 7. **ONLY CANCELLATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.**

Bulletin Board

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 Wednesday, December 16. Please bring a gift of wipes and/or diapers for the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. **Church family, you may join us in celebrating Jesus birth by assisting with the CPC's need for diapers and wipes. Bring diapers and wipes to church on Sunday, December 20.**

CHURCHWIDE

Baptist Family Heritage Cookbook



Cookbooks are available for pickup TODAY in the Café area. Cost: a \$15 donation to help defray the cost of publication. Payment by check is preferred. Make checks payable to First Baptist Church.

MUSIC

Special Christmas Music



December 20: Morning: Music Time Older Preschool Choir and the Sanctuary Choir; Evening: Children's Choir Chimes and the Remnant Praise Band

CHURCHWIDE

Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service



Thursday, December 24

6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

This family-friendly service will feature carol singing, a brief devotional thought, and the Lord's Supper.

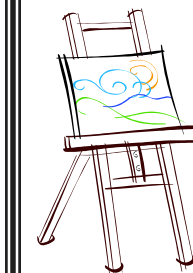
You're invited to
Salee Adkisson's

Art Exhibition

Today

5:00-6:00 p.m.

Chapel



Featuring Artistic History of First Baptist Church and other paintings.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Dec. 13

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| 8:30 A.M. | Orchestra |
| 8:45 A.M. | Sunday School |
| 10:00 A.M. | Morning Worship |
| 11:30 P.M. | Senior Adult Lunch |
| 4:00 P.M. | Handbells Outreach |
| 4:30 P.M. | Orchestra |
| 5:00 P.M. | Sanctuary Choir Reh. Children's Bible Drill Art display in Chapel Youth Choir |
| 5:30 P.M. | Christmas Musical |
| 6:00 P.M. | Tasting Party |
| 7:00 P.M. | |

Monday, Dec. 14

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| 4:00 P.M. | Upward/Devoted Practices |
| 5:00 P.M. | Harp Ensemble |

Tuesday, Dec. 15

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| 8:45 A.M. | MDO |
| 4:00 P.M. | Upward/Devoted Practices |
| 7:00 P.M. | UC Women's Conf. Mtg. |

Wednesday, Dec. 16

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| 3:00 P.M. | Open Gym |
| 3:30 P.M. | Study Hall |
| 5:00 P.M. | Supper line opens Youth Choir Caroling Party Children's Choirs |
| 6:30 P.M. | Prayer Meeting NO Sanctuary Choir Children's Missions FLC open until 8:00 |

Thursday, Dec. 17

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| 4:00 P.M. | Upward/Devoted Practices |
| 5:30 P.M. | Sanctuary Choir Caroling |

Friday, Dec. 18

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| 8:45 A.M. | MDO |
| 9:30 A.M. | Fun Friday |
| 6:00 P.M. | Yth. Progressive Dinner Happy Birthday Jesus Party FLC |

Saturday, Dec. 19

Sunday, Dec. 20

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| 8:45 A.M. | Sunday School |
| 10:00 A.M. | Morning Worship |
| 6:00 P.M. | Evening Worship |

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