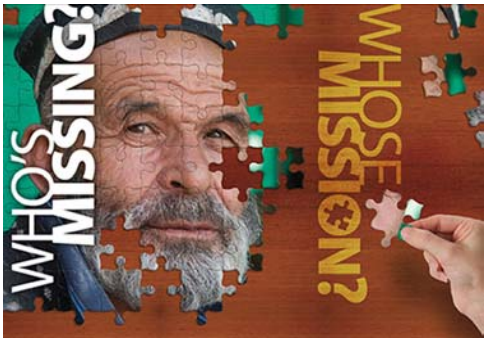




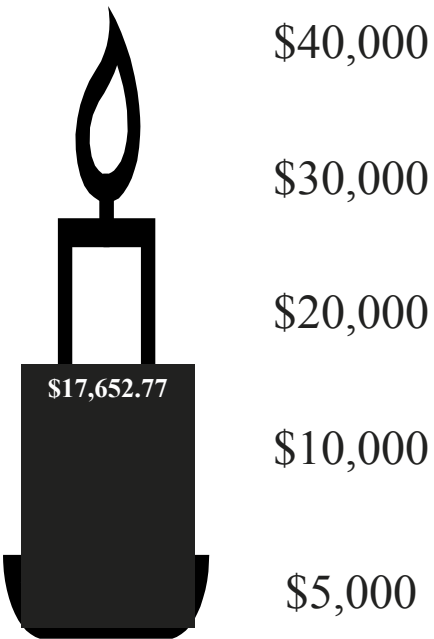
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**Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering**
For International Missions
Church Goal: \$40,000



Church staff
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
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 Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music & Senior Adults*
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 Alain Edel, *Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2009
10:00 A.M.

Worship/Children: For your comfort and that of others, childcare 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 89	"O Come, All Ye Faithful"	ADESTE FIDELIS
Songs of Assurance	"The Lord Is My Shepherd" "Follow Jesus"	Music Time Older Preschool Choir Kaye Stringer, director

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Carol 103 "Away in a Manger" MUELLER

*Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent Luna Family

*Responsive Reading including Isaiah 40:1-3

Message in Testimony "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" Choplin

Sanctuary Choir
George Hibbs, soloist

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

WE HEAR THE STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

Sermon "Bethlehem" Dr. Adkisson

Micah 5:2-5; Matthew 2:5-6

*Commitment Hymn "In Christ Alone" Townend/Getty

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Emphasis on Lottie Moon Offering Dr. Adkisson

Offertory Prayer Tim Collins

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Merry Christmas!

Randy Patricia Mike Jonathan Bobbie Barbara



On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and

Worshipped

him. MATTHEW 2:11

Charlie Colleen Ann Bill Steve Linda

Theme Interpretation "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Barlow Girl

Luminesce Creative Arts Team
 Shannan Bradley and Kristy McCloud, directors

*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

*Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus	"As We Go"	Johnson
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM

Greeting	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
Prelude	"Chimes Jingle" Choir Chimes Todd Arnold, director	arr. Rosene

*Carol 101 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

*Carol 106 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" W ZLOBIE LEZY

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Carol 111 "Sing We Now of Christmas" FRENCH CAROL

Instrumental Meditation "Holy, Holy, Holy" arr. Callahan

Choir Chimes

Carol of Hope 98 "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day" WALTHAM

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Carol of Commitment 86 "O Little Town of Bethlehem" ST. LOUIS

*Offertory Prayer Ed Griggs

Musical Offering "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" arr. Miller

Keith Adkisson, pianist

*Closing Prayer Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Randall Ramsey - Chief Deacon
 Bob Lovell
 Van Slinger
 Ted Jernigan
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Gordon Vasseur

Wednesday Dinner - 12/23

NO MEAL

Extended Session - 12/20

Bed Babies - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt

Creepers/Toddlers - Mike & Keli Isabell

2's - Chris & Tara Masters

3's - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

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

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$52,777.98
Difference from Goal	+\$24,039.33
Total Designated Gifts	\$22,107.77
Total Gifts this Week	\$74,885.75
Budget Goal to Date	\$689,727.69
Budget Gifts to Date	\$694,464.32
Difference from Goal	+\$4,736.63
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$620,440.28
Decrease from Prior Year	\$74,024.04
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$17,919.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,737,954.48

Sunday School Attendance

December 13, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	50
Children	57
Youth	39
Adults	345
Total	495



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Pastor's Heart

Christmas marks the beginning of Jesus' journey to the cross. He laid aside his mantle of majesty and traded it for swaddling clothes. He left the adulation of angels and settled for the adoration of a human mother. For a period, His words would no longer command the hosts of heaven, instead His cries would solicit only a parent's attention.

It is a remarkable story, God's entrance into humanity, the creator's entrance into the creation. This season of celebration often seems to hide the story instead of highlighting it. I pray it is not so with us. I pray that the festivities, food, and family gatherings will not hide it from you. If it does not, it will be because you have intentionally determined to make the real meaning of Christmas the focus of these days and not their background.

Take time this year to read the story of Christmas with your family. Take time to meditate upon its influence and meaning. Take time to pray together and give thanks to God.

This week I attended two funerals in the First Baptist family. It was a good reminder of the real importance of Christmas. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost. He came to provide a sacrifice for our sin. He came to prepare a place for us at the table of the Almighty. Merry Christmas from the Halls of Heaven.

See you in Worship,
 Pastor Randy

I'm a Christian Now



Gabriel Aranda, Jackson Apple, Addison Thompson, Jared Thomas, Madison Gentry, Heather and Emily Wheeler show off their certificates for completing the *I'm a Christian Now* class earlier this year. We will begin a new class on Sunday, January 10 at 8:45 a.m. in Room 252. 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.

Weekly Activities

- Sunday, Dec. 20**
 8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
- Monday, Dec. 21**
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
 7:00 P.M. Devoted Practices
- Tuesday, Dec. 22**
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 8:00 P.M. Devoted Practices
- Wednesday, Dec. 23**
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 NO ACTIVITIES OR MEAL
- Thursday, Dec. 24**
 Church office & FLC closed
 6:00 Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service
- Friday, Dec. 25**
MERRY CHRISTMAS!
 Church office & FLC closed
- Saturday, Dec. 26**
- Sunday, Dec. 27**
 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.



Join us for
**A Candlelight Christmas Eve
 Communion Service**
Thursday, December 24
at 6:00 p.m.

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



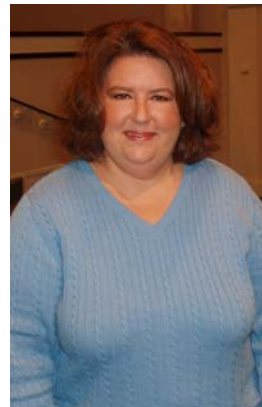
Welcome New Members



Nathan & Connor Holmes



Carson Evans



Shelia Norrod

FLC Holiday Schedule

Monday, December 21	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, December 22	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, Dec. 23	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Thursday, December 24	CLOSED	
Friday, December 25	CLOSED	
Monday, December 28	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Tuesday, December 29	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Wednesday, December 30	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Thursday, December 31	1:00-3:00 p.m.	
Friday, January 1	CLOSED	

**Men's Prayer
 Breakfast**
 January 7
 7:00 AM
 Fellowship Hall



Cost \$5.00 for you and a Guest
 Special Music Dr. Myron Stringer
 Speaker Don Pierson, Prayer Strategist Tennessee Baptist Convention

Deadline to purchase tickets is January 3. Tickets may be purchased at FBC office or in the Lobby on January 3. No tickets will be sold at the door. RSVP Only.

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16