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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

## Pastor's Heart



I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas filled with good fellowship, rest, and grace. Now, forward to the new year.

On this last Sunday of 2009 we are going delve into the last of our series on the Minor Prophets. I pray that your study of the prophets has been enlightening and challenging. I appreciate the encouragement that you have been giving me as we walked through the scriptures together. Today, we are looking at the prophet Amos.

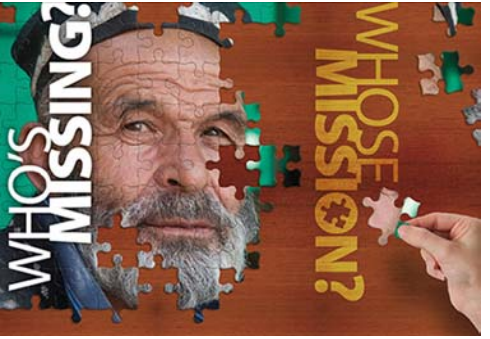
We have now spent about a month in our new worship schedule. Have you found your place? I know that was a concern for some as the new schedule placed everyone back in the sanctuary at the same time. Seating arrangements established over a long period had to be adjusted.

Found your place? What's more important than finding your place in the sanctuary is finding your place in ministry. A church is not a theater where the responsibilities for the show are left to the performers on the stage. Church is a community where everyone has a vital roll.

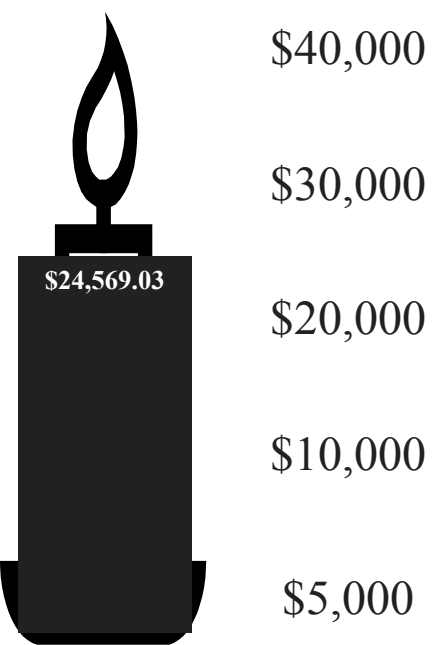
Will you challenge yourself in 2010 to find and fill your place of service. Make this the year that you tie yourself firmly to your First Baptist Family by finding a place of ministry (Sunday School leadership, Children's ministry, Music, Outreach?) and plug in. You will then be blessed and a blessing.

New years hold new challenges, but God holds it all. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Randy



**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*  
 Alain Edel, *Assistant Pastor for Hispanic Ministries*



**MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2009**  
**10:00 A.M.**

*Worship/Childcare: 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 GATHER TO PRAISE THE LORD

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 and Luke 2:14 Jonathan Nelms
- \*Carol of Praise 96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO
- Message in Song "Bethlehem Morning" Chapman, arr. Kaiser Vocal Ensemble
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- \*Carol 85 "The First Nowell" English Carol
- \*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Testimony in Song "In the Bleak Midwinter" Hols, arr. Christopher Vocal Ensemble
- WE CELEBRATE THE WORD MADE FLESH**
- Sermon "Plumbing" Amos 7:7-8 Dr. Adkisson
- \*Commitment Song "Come, Just As You Are" Sabolick
- WE RESPOND WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS**
- Offertory Prayer Ted Jernigan
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Musical Offering Janna Leigh Ryon, oboist
- \*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 Carol 95 "Go Tell It on the Mountain" refrain only
- \*Postlude Instrumentalists
- SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM**
- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude "Mighty To Save" Morgan/Fielding Rennant
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- \*Fellowship Chorus "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)" Imboden/Rhoton
- \*Song of Praise "We Fall Down" Tomlin
- \*Scripture Readings Isaiah 6:2-4; Revelation 4:8
- \*Hymn of Adoration 2 "Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA
- Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:13-16
- Testimony in Song "What Do I Know of Holy" Road Johnathan and Rebecca Emrich
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- \*Song of Commitment "You Are My King (Amazing Love)" Foote
- \*Offertory Prayer Robert Fuller
- Musical Offering "Mighty to Save" Morgan/Fielding
- \*Closing Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- \*Postlude Instrumentalists

**How Can I Be Saved? As Simple As ABC!**  
**ADMIT YOU ARE A SINNER IN REBELLION AGAINST GOD:**  
 Romans 3:23 "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."  
 Rom. 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
**BELIEVE THAT JESUS IS THE SAVIOR:**  
 John 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name."  
**CHOOSE TO GIVE YOUR LIFE TO JESUS & CONFESS YOUR FAITH:**  
 Matt. 16:24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."



## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Robert Fuller - Chief Deacon  
Richard Cashion  
Carl Johnson  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Gordon Vasseur

### Wednesday Dinner - 12/30

NO MEAL

### Extended Session - 12/27

Bed Babies - Fred & Amy Ray

Creepers/Toddlers - Greg & Ashli Johnson

2's - Kacie & Chase Hicks

3's - Chris & Mylon Simpson

## 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	\$33,205.06
Difference from Goal	+\$4,466.41
Total Designated Gifts	\$8,405.26
Total Gifts this Week	\$41,610.32
Budget Goal to Date	\$718,466.35
Budget Gifts to Date	\$727,669.38
Difference from Goal	+\$9,203.03
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$620,440.28
Increase from Prior Year	\$107,229.10
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$19,066.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,739,101.48

## Sunday School Attendance

### December 20, 2009

General Officers	3
Preschool	54
Children	54
Youth	45
Adults	294
<b>Total</b>	<b>450</b>



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# Children celebrate Jesus' birth with Happy Birthday Jesus Party

By Colleen Cox  
Recreation Coordinator

Children three years old through sixth grade celebrated Jesus' birth with a Happy Birthday Jesus Party on Friday, December 18. Thirty children participated in this celebration.



Children and leaders ate a hot-dog supper, and then the kids experienced different parts of the Christmas story through recreation, music/story and crafts going through a Vacation Bible School type rotation with volunteer leaders.

The games focused on giving to others as Christ gave to us, Joseph taking Mary to his hometown to be counted in the census (for tax purposes) by giving kids the opportunity to flip pennies into gift boxes, and listening to the voice of

the shepherd. The pennies from the activity were given to the Royal Ambassadors and Girls in Action for their Lincolns for Lottie mission project.

During the music rotation the kids sang several Christmas songs, heard the story *The Greatest Gift* and discovered what Jesus wants for Christmas. The craft station allowed the children to make a three dimensional nativity scene, a jingle for Jesus star ornament, and scratch and color tree and star ornaments.



After finishing the rotation, everyone gathered in the Fellowship Hall for cake and ice cream.

Children also had the opportunity to give gifts to the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic. Each family was asked to bring diapers and/or wipes for the CPC.



Thanks to all the adults who helped with the party: Bobbie Gist, Joyce Raines, Sue Boyd, Kristy McCloud, Lori Cox, Patricia Mabry, Linda Huddleston, Shawna Huddleston, Megan Hammons, Linda Wheeler, Connie Hawkins, Diana Gunter, Shelley Fredley and Alayna Huddleston.

# Bulletin Board



## MEN

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, January 7

7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5 for you and a guest. Special music by Dr. Myron Stringer and speaker Don Pierson, Prayer Strategist Tennessee Baptist Convention. The deadline to purchase tickets is January 3. Tickets may be purchased in the church office or in the lobby on January 3. No tickets will be sold at the door.

## CHILDREN

### I'm A Christian Now

Beginning Sunday, January 10

8:45 a.m.

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.



## MISSIONS

### Builders for Christ Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 10

After morning service

Old Chapel

The team will be going to Kansas City, Missouri the third week of June to repair the chapel at Midwestern Seminary.



## OUTREACH

### Put feet on your faith: Join an outreach team

Outreach

Sunday, January 10

4:30 p.m.

Meet in the conference room.



# Welcome New Members



LeRay & Martha Lanier



Andy, Becky & Elizabeth Neal

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Dec. 27

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

### Monday, Dec. 28

1:00 P.M. Open Gym  
7:00 P.M. Devoted Practices

### Tuesday, Dec. 29

1:00 P.M. Open Gym  
7:00 P.M. Devoted Practices

### Wednesday, Dec. 30

1:00 P.M. Open Gym  
NO ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, Dec. 31

1:00 Open Gym

### Friday, Jan. 1

#### HAPPY NEW YEAR

Church office & FLC closed

### Saturday, Jan. 2

9:00 A.M. Devoted Play Day

### Sunday, Jan. 3

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](http://www.fbccookeville.org).

# FLC Holiday Schedule



Monday, Dec. 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

