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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

## Pastor's Heart



It happened again. Somehow another whole year has passed and we are moving into a new year and a new decade. I am reminded of how quickly life moves and how quickly life fades.

One thing remains the same – the word of God. Though times change and years pass away, not one small stroke of the word of God will ever cease. It is reliable, dependable, and consistent. We can count on it and follow it.

When we build our church, our families, and our future upon the word of God, we will stand sure and strong. That's why our focus this morning will be upon God's wonderful word. There is no better way to begin the New Year than looking at and committing ourselves to the revelation of God.

For the first months of this year we are going to focus on traits of a healthy/mature Christian and the healthy church. The two go hand-in-hand. There is no way to have one without the other.

Are you healthy? Are we? Our task will be to run the tests, seek any issue, and discover God's medicine for healing, where needed.

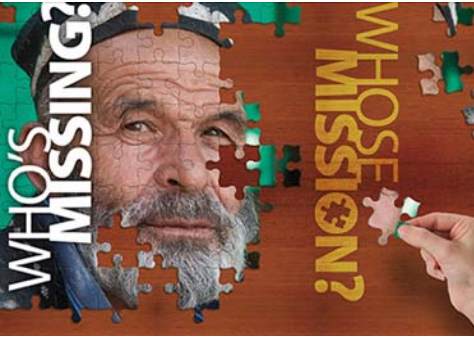
Again, that is why our focus on the word of God is so important. It alone contains the answer to our questions and the direction for our journey.

When we agree upon the authority of the word and give to the word its place in our life and in our church, wholeness and health are assured. The same is true in our families, our lives, and our future.

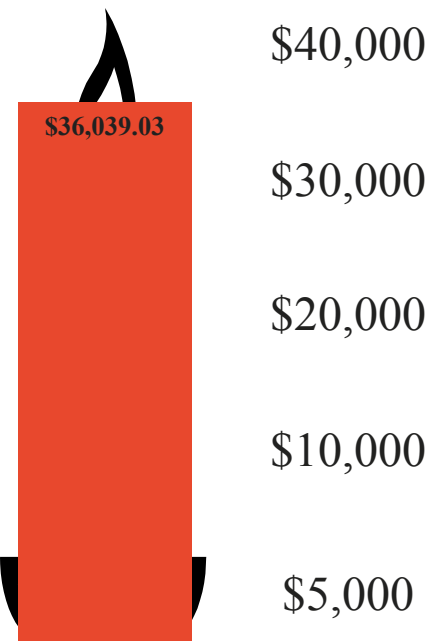
I'm looking forward to this new year at First Baptist. We never know what tomorrow holds for us in blessings and challenges, but I know our Lord. He will have both in store for us. Let's begin with faith, walk in obedience, and end with victory. Let that be the mark of 2010.

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Randy

**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 20**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Chapel**  
 If you have anything for the agenda, please bring it to the church office by Thursday, January 14.



**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 & Collegiate*  
 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, JANUARY 3, 2010**  
**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 IN HIS PRESENCE

Greeting Ruth 2:4; Psalm 90:1-2 Jonathan Nelms

\*Hymn of Adoration 74 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Hymn of Testimony 438 "Heaven Came Down" Peterson

\*Responsive Reading from Isaiah 60; Psalm 36 and 119

\*Hymn of Assurance 338 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

\*Praise Chorus "Step By Step" Beaker

\*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Message in Song "This is My Word" Choplin  
 Sanctuary Choir

Sermon "The Issue of First Priority: Authority" Dr. Adkisson  
 James 1:12

\*Hymn of Commitment "Speak, O Lord" Getty/Townend

### WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Greg Steeves

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "Great is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Sikes  
 Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist

\*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

\*Song of Invocation "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Baloché

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Hymn of Testimony 261 "Wonderful Words of Life" Bliss

\*Responsive Reading from Isaiah 25 BEECHER

\*Hymn of Praise 208 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Zschech

\*Praise Chorus "Shout to the Lord" Dr. Adkisson

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

\*Song of Commitment 277 HENDON  
 "Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated"

\*Offertory Prayer Joe Church

Musical Offering "I Go to the Rock" arr. Rambo  
 Carol Tittle, organist and Kaye Ryon, pianist

\*Closing Prayer Dr. Adkisson

\*Postlude Instrumentalists



## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Greg Steeves - Chief Deacon  
Joe Church  
Ed Griggs  
Jacob Ramsaur  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Carl Johnson

### Wednesday Dinner - 01/06

Breakfast for supper

### Wednesday Volunteers - 01/06

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

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

### Extended Session - 01/03

Bed Babies - Peggy Semmes, Carol Joyner

Creepers/Toddlers - Margaret Atkins, Pat Chancy

2's - Faye McCaleb, Sue Boyd

3's - VOLUNTEERS

### Budget

### Stewardship Verse

**The most important act of giving is to first give ourselves to the Lord.**

“... they first gave themselves to the Lord.”  
(2 Cor. 8:5)

### Sunday School Attendance

December 27, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	39
Children	45
Youth	31
Adults	214
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>



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# Be part of the UC Women's Conference on January 23

As you start into the New Year, take some time to be renewed with the truth of God's word and praise and worship time. Be part of the Upper Cumberland Women's Conference on January 23 at Avery Trace Middle School.

Tickets are still available. The doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and the event will start at 8:30 a.m. and will end at 4:30 p.m. It will be a day well spent!

Lysa TerKeurst will inspire you to say yes to God and become who He intends you to be. Lysa is an award-winning author of 11 books and the co-host of the Proverbs 31 Ministry's national radio program as well as a writer for the ministry's e-mail devotions.



This year's conference will also offer a wide variety of breakout sessions. Topics are Image Consulting, Financial Planning, Gardening, Home and Hospitality, Sneaky Nutrition, Intimacy in Marriage, Exercise, Forgiven and Set Free, The Secret Place, Missions, Balance and Stress Management, Skin Care and Trusting Jesus. You can choose two breakout sessions to attend.

Along with the event, a marketplace will be open featuring crafts, jewelry and items made in the region. Lunch is included with a choice of three different times.

The conference raises money for the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic and Plateau Pregnancy Services of Crossville. The CPC is a pregnancy help medical clinic that offers free services including pregnancy tests, ultrasound and peer counseling along with assistance before and after the child is born. Plateau Pregnancy Services provides compassionate care, practical help and accurate information to women who believe they're pregnant and may be considering abortion.

Tickets are now on sale by visiting the website [www.livingisforeternity.com](http://www.livingisforeternity.com). The cost is \$35.

## Ministry Opportunities

### WOMEN

#### WOM Day Group

Tuesday, January 5  
9:45 a.m.  
Room 143 A  
Join us for this time of Bible study.



### MISSIONS

#### Builders for Christ Informational Meeting

Sunday, January 10 after the 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

Sunday, January 10  
4:30 p.m.  
Meet in the conference room.



## 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. Today is the deadline to purchase tickets. Tickets may be purchased in the lobby today. No tickets will be sold at the door.



### DEACONS

#### Deacons Meeting

Monday, January 4 @ 5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

A light supper will be served

### CHILDREN

#### I'm A Christian Now

Beginning Sunday, January 10

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.



#### Bowling and lunch

Monday, January 18 from 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$4 plus money for lunch

For K-6th grade

Spend this holiday from school with bowling and lunch at Chick-Fil-A. Sign up and pay by Sunday, January 17.

### YOUTH

#### Centrifuge/M-Fuge Combo Camp

July 12-17

North Greenville University, Greenville, South Carolina  
Youth in 7th-12th grade may choose M-Fuge or Centrifuge. You will enjoy awesome worship, team building recreation, dynamic Bible studies, church group times and ministry. The cost is \$265. A \$50 deposit by January 27 will secure your reservation. See Bill Stone for details.



### CHILDREN

#### Centri-Kid

July 5-9

Georgetown College in Georgetown, KY  
Centri-Kid offers 3rd-6th graders high-energy worship, age appropriate Bible study and tons of fun. The cost is \$254. A \$50 deposit by January 27 will secure your reservation. See Colleen Cox for more information.



## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Jan. 3

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

### Monday, Jan. 4

4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted Practices

5:30 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

### Tuesday, Jan. 5

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group  
3:30 P.M. Yth Boys Bible Study  
4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted Practices

### Wednesday, Jan. 6

3:00 P.M. Open Gym  
3:30 P.M. Study Hall  
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
Children's Choirs  
Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Youth on Mission  
Prayer Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir  
College Bible Study  
Yth Worship/Bible Study  
Children's Missions  
FLC open until 8:00

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

7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, Jan. 7

7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones  
4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted Practices

### Friday, Jan. 8

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
5:30 P.M. Devoted games

### Saturday, Jan. 9

8:00 A.M. Upward & Devoted Games

### Sunday, Jan. 10

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
12:00 P.M. Senior Adult Lunch  
4:00 P.M. Deacon Training  
Orchestra  
Handbells

4:30 P.M. Outreach  
Yth Girls Bible Study  
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies  
Children's Bible Drill

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship  
7:00 P.M. Yth Leaders Mtg.

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