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Pastor's Heart



We have spent a couple of weeks talking about the source of authority for our lives and our honest response to the word of God. Now we want to delve further into God's plan for His church. This morning we will search the scriptures for a biblical description of "church".

What is the church? What does it look like? What does it do? What will be our authority for the search? The very word of God.

After all, it's God's description and definition that we are most interested in. Note on Schedule: The congregation voted to change our schedule of Sunday School and worship back in December with an agreement to evaluate its success and impact, and then vote on it again at our first quarterly business meeting.

The past weeks have been a tough period to evaluate any schedule, new or old. Sunday School has been well off the mark of a year ago, but the long holiday weekends for travel and the extreme weather have obviously had a serious impact on attendance. In fact, although we were certainly down from a year ago this past Sunday, your ministers were wonderfully encouraged by the attendance last week in the midst of the cold and the snow.

The Quarterly Business Meeting has been postponed a couple of weeks with the express purpose of giving us a few "normal" Sundays for evaluation. In the meantime, our Church Council will be meeting to look at our options and to bring a recommendation to the congregation. Join me in prayer about these decisions and share your thoughts with me or anyone on the Church Council. Is the new schedule a help to you or a burden?

Of course, in this and all decisions our goal should always be to find the Lord's plan and then to follow it. That is certainly my desire and I know it is yours as well.

On another note of ministry importance, the last two weeks of extreme weather affected not only our attendance but also our giving. Let me encourage you to catch up on your tithes and offerings, knowing that faithful stewardship is a mark of the maturing believer.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Sanctuary Choir Gospel Roundup

The Sanctuary Choir is planning another gospel roundup for next Sunday evening, January 24. The choir led a similar service last fall that included three great gospel anthems and hymn singing. The choir will be singing "Hallelujah, By and By," "The Lighthouse," and "Goodbye, World, Good-

bye." Minister of Music Jonathan Nelms comments, "All of these songs speak of God's care for us in the midst of life's storms. The evening will be relaxed and joyful." The service begins at 6:00 p.m. and childcare will be provided.

Mission Opportunities

Bringing Up Boys Study
Beginning, Wednesday, Jan. 20
6:30-7:30 p.m. in Old Chapel
The cost is \$9 for the book. Wendy Apple will facilitate this study.

Townsend Campground Mission Trip
July 11-17
We will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, January 20 at 3:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Come learn about this ministry opportunity or call Brenda Boyington at 372-7435 for information.

Annual Evangelism Conference
Monday, January 25
9:30-11:30 a.m.; 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Stevens Street Baptist Church
Breakout sessions will be offered from 9:30-10:15 a.m. and 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Week of Prayer Service
Wednesday, January 20
12:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
Join in this special service of hymns and prayer. Service will be followed by a soup luncheon. For more information, call 526-4424.

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, JANUARY 17, 2010 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 IN HIS PRESENCE

- *Gathering Song "As We Gather" Coomes
- *Greeting Ruth 2:4; Psalm 18:1-3 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- *Song of Praise "I Will Call upon the Lord" O'Shields
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Adoration 216 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON
- *Hymn of Devotion 217 "Oh, How I Love Jesus" Whitfield
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

- *Chorus of Enlightenment "Word of God Speak" Kipley/Millard
- Sermon "Koinonia: A Fellowship of Believers" Dr. Adkisson
1 John 1:7
- *Hymn of Commitment 613 "The Servant Song" BEACH SPRING

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

- Offerory Prayer Richard Cashion
- Worship with Tribes and Offerings
- Offerory Music "The Communion Hymn" Getty/Townend
- *Presentation of Offering Todd Arnold, pianist and Dinias Aranda, violinist
- *Doxology "Lord We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
- *Responsive Call to Thanksgiving "Holy, Holy, Holy" Dr. Nelms
- *Hymn of Holiness 2 "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" NICAEA
- Invitation to the Table Dr. Adkisson
- Blessing and Sharing of the Bread "Lamb of God" Greg Steeves
- Songs of Meditation "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" Paris Kaiser

- Blessing and Sharing of the Cup Steve Sharpe
- Songs of Meditation "There Is a Redeemer" Green
- Prayer of Thanksgiving "Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON
- Sharing of Spiritual Decisions Dr. Adkisson
- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Departing Chorus "As We Go" Johnson
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

- SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM**
- Greeting and Instructions Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude "Abide with Me" Carol Tittle, organist EVENTIDE
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Song of Praise 22 "Bless His Holy Name" Crouch
- *Psalm Reading Psalm 4:1 Todd Arnold
- *Hymn of Assurance 61 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Stanzas 1 & 2
- *Psalm Reading Psalm 4:2-3 Tammy Wilson
- *Hymn of Assurance 61 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" Stanzas 3 & 4 Jonathan Nelms
- Psalm Reading Psalm 4:4-5 "As the Deer" Nystrom
- Hymn of Devotion Psalm 4:6-7 "Shine on Us" Glenda Nelms
- Psalm Reading "Shine on Us" Glenda Nelms
- Scripture in Song Tammy Wilson, Todd Arnold, Glenda and Jonathan Nelms
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Commitment Song "Change My Heart, O God" Espinosa
- *Offerory Prayer Randall Ramsey
- Psalm Reading Psalm 4:8 Jonathan Nelms
- Musical Offering "You Are My All in All" Jennigan
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Evening Hymn 63 "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

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

Wednesday Dinner - 01/20

Chicken casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 01/20

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

5:45 p.m. - C.W. Ramsay, Barbara Clouse

Extended Session - 01/17

Bed Babies - Brenda Gaw, Brenda Spain

Creepers/Toddlers - Chris & Debbie Winingham

2's - Wendy Apple, Rosa Aranda

3's - Jeff & Kathy Callahan

Budget

January 10, 2010

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$13,331.50
Difference from Goal	-\$15,407.15
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,178.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$14,510.00
Budget Goal to Date	\$804,682.31
Budget Gifts to Date	\$803,807.13
Difference from Goal	-\$875.18
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$761,249.35
Increase from Prior Year	\$42,557.78
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$27,421.50
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,747,456.98

Sunday School Attendance

January 10, 2010

General Officers	4
Preschool	44
Children	57
Youth	34
Adults	242
Total	381



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Upward and Devoted seasons underway

Colleen Cox
Recreation Coordinator

The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading and Devoted Basketball seasons tipped off Saturday, January 9 with a day full of games. Games started at 8:00 a.m. with kindergarten and the junior high boys capped off the night with a game starting at 8:15 p.m.

Despite the snow, the gym was packed all day long with an estimated 1,500 people coming through the Family Life Center. Each of those folks heard about the expectations of Upward and Devoted from members of the leadership team. Now each person that enters the gym on Friday night or Saturday has the opportunity to hear the gospel as volunteers give devotionals at halftime of each game.

The number of participants has soared this season with 380 children compiling 42 Upward Basketball teams and 11 cheer squads. Devoted Basketball has around 100 youth making up 14 teams. This growth has caused us to stretch beyond our gym to fit in practices and games. Devoted teams are practicing at Washington Avenue Baptist Church and Cane Creek in addition to FBC and playing games on Friday night at Poplar Grove and First Baptist.

Serving each of these children, youth and their families with excellence takes the work of many faithful volunteers who are willing to do "Whatever It Takes." These folks show Jesus' love as they help children grow spiritually and physically while teaching them about basketball and cheerleading.

Children grow spiritually through scripture learning and devotions at practice each week. This season's focus is the light of Christ. Devoted players have weekly devotions at practice. Coaches provide sports instruction to each child while also investing spiritually in each child/youth. Coaches for both leagues were asked to sign a coaches covenant conveying this commitment. They were also given a cross to keep in their pocket to remind them of this commitment.

It's not too late to join in showing the love of Christ to these children and youth through this ministry. If you would like to be involved, contact me at 526-7108.

Check out Upward and Devoted coverage on the Sports Zone airing on Channel 7 today at 2:00 p.m.

New Year beginning for WMU

Ladies, of all ages, you are invited to join our night time WMU group. Our next meeting is really going to be the first one of 2010! Sandy Swallows from Monterey is coming to tell us about her mission trip to Nicaragua, and she is also bringing movies from her trip. Our WMU helped by collecting scrubs and medicines for the team to take and give to the people of Nicaragua.

Another special treat for everyone is Judy Dronebarger's Cincinnati chili, so come hungry and ready to be blessed by Sandy! We will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. Please come and join us, you'll be glad you did!



Bulletin Board



COLLEGE

College Trip

January 17-18

Wilderness at the Smokies

Pigeon Forge, TN

The cost for the trip is \$35. You must be an active FBC member to participate.

WOMEN

Frappe' with Philippians

You don't have to love coffee to join the Cappuccino Ladies Sunday School class! We are beginning a new study: Frappe' with Philippians. Join us each week in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 a.m. beginning in January. Cost of workbook is \$10. Facilitators: Salee Adkisson and Linda Venturino.



YOUTH

Youth Breakfast

Sunday, January 24 @ 8:45 a.m.

4th floor

Be sure to invite a friend to join you for Bible study around a delicious and fun breakfast fellowship. All youth and leaders will meet together.



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



Southern Stars Symphonic Brass

Presents

For the LOVE of Brass

Sunday, February 14, 2010 3:00 PM

Hosted by the

First Baptist Church

18 South Walnut Avenue, Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Tickets
Adults: \$15
Students: \$5

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Jan. 17

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
Now That I'm a Christian
Class #252
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
1:00 P.M. Collegiates to Smokies
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells
4:30 P.M. Outreach
5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies
Children's Bible Drill
Evening Worship

Monday, Jan. 18

9:00 A.M. K-6th Bowling
4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted Practices

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:45 A.M. MDO
4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted Practices

5:30 P.M. WOM Night Group

Wednesday, Jan. 20

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
3:30 P.M. Study Hall
Townsend Mtg.
4:15 P.M. Children's Choir Chimes
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
Children's Choirs
Chi Rho Youth Choir
Youth on Mission

5:30 P.M. Stewardship Com.
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir

College Bible Study
Yth Worship/Bible Study
Children's Missions
Bringing up Boys Study
FLC open until 8:00

Thursday, Jan. 21

9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
4:00 P.M. Upward & Devoted practices

Friday, Jan. 22

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

Saturday, Jan. 23

8:00 A.M. Upward & Devoted games

Sunday, Jan. 24

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
Now That I'm a Christian
#252
Youth Breakfast

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells
Deacon Training

4:30 P.M. Yth. Girls Bible Study
Outreach

5:00 P.M. Bible Buddies
Children's Bible Drill
Sanctuary Choir reh.
Evening Worship
(Gospel Roundup)