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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



As we read God's word this morning, I hope you will hear the sarcasm in the voice of Jesus.

Yes, I believe He spoke with sarcasm, laughed at a good story, savored His desserts, and essentially enjoyed life like all of mankind.

When we rob Jesus of such things, we steal His humanity. If Jesus was not fully human (not exclusively human), then His death for our sins was of no effect. Certainly, Jesus was the Son of God, but he was also the Son of man.

Remembering that is important as you read God's word if you are to read it for all it is worth. Too often we try to make the Bible a legal document and read it stiffly, as if there is no humor, or passion, or life in it. Sometimes we try to make it a scientific work, reading it like a dull and boring textbook. But God's word is alive, full of passionate exchange, innuendo, sarcasm, and irony.

When you read God's word, read it in context. In this case, that means to read it in the context of the story's mood. Ask yourself not only, "What does this say?" but also, "What did this scene feel like, sound like, and look like?"

When Jesus said things like, "Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" You need to see the smirk on his face. Or when He tells the story of the 'good' Samaritan, you need to recognize the irony. (No religious Jew thought there could be such a man as a 'good' Samaritan.)

Use your holy imagination to hear and feel the word of God. Allow for Jesus to be fully human in His emotions. Then you will know that He has walked where you walk, hurt like you have hurt, and laughed with laughter infused with joy.

"For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin." (Heb. 4:15)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Mission Opportunities

Opportunities for Service with Children

Consider being a faithful servant of God teaching our precious children. Teachers are urgently needed in the following areas:

- ◆ Babies II
- ◆ 5th Grade
- ◆ Children's SS Director
- ◆ Children's Church Leader
- ◆ Mission Friends (2)

See Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

GPS: Your High 5



Continue to pray for family, friends, co-workers, classmates, and/or neighbors who need to know the Lord. Look for opportunities to invite these folks to special services or activities at church.

40/40 Prayer Vigil

Join with the SBC Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission and North American Mission Board in prayer for the 40/40 Prayer Vigil for Spiritual Revival and National Renewal. This Prayer Vigil consists of 40 days of prayer from Sept. 20 to Oct. 29, culminating in 40 hours of around the clock intercession from Oct. 29-31. You can register your commitment to pray at www.4040prayer.com.

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, SEPTEMBER 5, 2010 10:00 A.M. TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 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 TO GLORIFY THE LORD

Call to Worship	Ruth 2:4; Psalm 115:1	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Gathering Song	"Let It Rise"	Davis
*Scripture Reading	Philippians 3:7-8, 10-11	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Devotion	"Be Thou My Vision"	SLANE
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Mission	"Blessed Be Your Name"	Redman
*Prayer of Dedication for Missionaries to India		Dr. Adkisson

WE HEAR THE STORY OF SALVATION

Hymn of Testimony	"Before the Throne of God Above"	arr. Greer Remnant
Sermon	"Sign Seekers or Food Followers"	Dr. Adkisson John 6:25-35
*Song of Commitment	"You Are My King (Amazing Love)"	Foote

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Jack Marison
 Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music	"Enough"	Tomlin/Giglio
*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 667	"As We Go"	arr. Shipp
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM TELEVISION REPLAY AT 7:00 P.M.

No Evening Service

Due to the Labor Day Holiday, no services or activities will be held at First Baptist Church tonight. Please use this time in fellowship and Devotion with family and friends.

The morning worship service will be rebroadcast at 7:00 PM on Cable Channel 7.



Mark you calendars and make plans to attend the *Sing to the Lord* CD release concert and reception which will be held on September 19, 2010 at 6:00 PM. This CD was recorded back in May by the Sanctuary Choir and Chi Rho Youth Choir. Prepaid CD's will be available for pick-up that night at the reception. Additional CD's will be available for purchase. Invite you friends and family to come.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Greg Steeves - Chief Deacon
 Joe Church
 Ed Griggs
 Jacob Ramsaur
 11 a.m. Phone Duty: Jack Mattson
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Robert Fuller

Wednesday Dinner - 09/08

Breakfast for supper

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/08

5:00 p.m. - Richard & Kassandra Newman, Jim & Brenda Boyington

5:45 p.m. - Jean Downey, Donnie King, Stella Dukes, Richard Cashion

Extended Session - 09/05

Bed Babies - Anielka Artola, Barbara Robbins

Creepers/Toddlers - Stefanie & Brian Smith

2's - Ethan & Julie Bernhardt

3's - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$20,183.82
Difference from Goal	-\$8,554.83
Total Designated Gifts	\$594.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$20,777.82
Budget Goal to Date	\$258,647.88
Budget Gifts to Date	\$232,495.14
Difference from Goal	-\$26,152.74
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$268,395.01
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$35,899.87
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$6,245.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,771,539.23

Sunday School Attendance

August 29, 2010

General Officers	5
Preschool	42
Children	56
Youth	50
Adults	357
Total	510



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OCC 2010 is around the corner

Can you believe that collection week for Operation Christmas Child begins in 9 weeks? Our team is so excited to have a "full-circle" Operation Christmas child to speak at our church on Friday, September 17 at lunch-time. We have invited community leaders to come and hear Sorina Riddle, formerly from Romania, now living in North Carolina to come and share her testimony! If you would like to come, we would love to have you, just please RSVP to joyceraines@charter.net.

I know many of you are already looking for supplies for your shoeboxes. The end of season sales and beginning of school sales are everywhere. Some items to look for are plastic beach balls, flip flops, or tennis shoes. We are going to collect balls of any kind to put in separate boxes...footballs, soccer balls, basketballs, etc. I find many at garage sales! We found out from our OCC missionary last year that some kids in Panama who got a football didn't even know what to do with it. But the missionary did, and they showed the children and of course they loved it. That's the reason we are collecting balls this year!

I think we have over 100 totes already made this year. You all are so special to us and to the kingdom. I know that there are churches in Florida and Kentucky that are now making totes for their shoeboxes, too! If you want to get in on that project, contact us. We use totes because you put so many "goodies" in your boxes that it's hard to get everything back in, so the totes come in handy to carry all the children's new treasures.

Please pray for us as we begin speaking at schools, companies and groups to see if they are willing to collect boxes this year. The Lord opened many doors last year, and we are looking forward to what He is going to do this year!

If you want to be a volunteer, please call Joyce or me. You will be welcomed with open arms!

God bless you all as you start to fill your box!

Brenda Spain 265-0645

Joyce Raines 529-0808

Share Jesus Without Fear testimony

Have you ever struggled to share Christ with someone or regretted not sharing with someone because you were afraid? Steve Farris has been leading a class, *Share Jesus Without Fear*, to help equip people to share their faith with confidence. Cindy Liu put what she learned from the class into action, sharing with her friend Xiao An Huang, who had a Hindu background. Cindy shared with the class that *Share Jesus Without Fear* had emboldened her to share her faith



and asked others in the class to pray for her friend and for Cindy's continued boldness. Through further conversation, Xiao An Huang accepted Christ. She has since gone on to be with the Lord. Cindy recalled that the last time she talked to her friend, Xiao An Huang said she wasn't sure about her health situation but because she had believed in Him, she would follow Him to the end. Watch the Chronicles for future sessions of this class.

Bulletin Board



WOMEN

WMU Day Group Meeting

Tuesday, September 7 @ 9:45 a.m.
 Room 143A

Come enjoy Bible study and fellowship.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

College Game Night

Friday, September 10
 9:00 p.m. to midnight in the Family Life Center
 Come enjoy games and fellowship.

STUDY

40 Days of Purpose: Purpose Driven Life

Beginning Sunday, September 12
 Small groups will meet on Sundays at 8:45 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Erick Barrett and Ron Pardue will facilitate this study. The cost of the book is \$10. Sign up in the Central Lobby.

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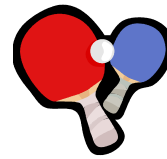
College Lake Day

Saturday, September 18
 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. @ Center Hill Lake
 Activities include boating, skiing, swimming, and a cookout. Meet at First Baptist Church.

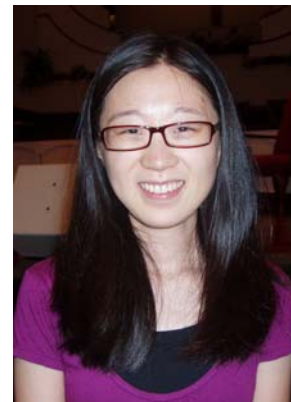
WOMEN

Beth Moore Living Proof Simulcast

Saturday, September 18 @ FBC Carthage
 Participate in this live all-day Beth Moore conference through an internet broadcast projected onto mounted screens in the sanctuary. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Tickets may be purchased by calling the FBC Carthage church office at 615-735-1929.



Welcome New Members



Yuanjing Guo



Jacob Warren



Roy Tudor

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Sept. 5

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:00 P.M. Family Night – No Service

Monday, Sept. 6

Church Office/FLC Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 7

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group
 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Wednesday, Sept. 8

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
 3:30 P.M. Study Hall
 4:00 P.M. Luminesce
 4:15 P.M. ChoirChimes
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Open
 Preschool &

Children's Choirs
 Youth on Mission
 Chi Rho Choir
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg.

Sanctuary Choir Reh.
 Mission Groups
 Yth Worship/Bible Study

College Bible Study
 7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00
 8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, Sept. 9

9:30 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
 11:00 A.M. Happy Tones Lunch
 6:15 P.M. Volleyball – FBC
 Orange

7:00 P.M. Volleyball – FBC
 Navy
 Volleyball – FBC
 Green

Friday, Sept. 10

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 9:00 P.M. College Game Night-
 FLC

Saturday, Sept. 11

Sunday, Sept. 12

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:00 A.M. Senior Adult Lunch
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 Handbells
 4:30 P.M. Outreach
 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.