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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



On a church sign it was noted: "Come hear our Pastor. He's not very good, but he is short."

For the life of me, I don't understand why a man's height has anything to do with his preaching. (Read 'knowing sarcasm' here.)

The sign does reflect a sad reality though. Many choose the place they worship for all the wrong reasons and in doing so they jeopardize their walk with God and their family's spiritual health. Styles of worship come and go. Times of services will change. Even the length of sermons will vary. None of these should be the determining factor in my place of worship.

It isn't that these cannot be minor factors in choosing a church. There is nothing wrong with having a preference. If the doctrines preached are solidly biblical, if the scriptures are explained not just referred to, if the focus is upon hearing God and obeying Him, then the other factors may be weighed.

But too many in our day neglect the core issues of importance and rely instead upon the feelings or conveniences of a church's services. For many 'doctrine' is unimportant.

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Welcome BCM students

Tonight we are privileged to welcome students from the BCM who are freshmen or transfer students. These students have been on the "big ole church road trip" today where they have visited many of our local churches for Bible study, worship, meals and fellowship. We are so grateful to have them at FBC for evening worship.



Students, we would love to have you worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us at First Baptist. There are

lots of exciting opportunities for students to grow in and serve Christ here. Please take one of the Collegiate Opportunities brochures or go to the FBC website (www.fbccookeville.org) to learn of these opportunities.

At First Baptist you will find a diverse, loving, mission-minded fellowship that welcomes and loves students! We would be honored to walk with you on your faith journey. Please join us as together we reach our community and world for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,
Bill Stone

Associate Pastor of Youth/Collegiates

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:

- ◆ 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.

Stewardship Verse Our giving to God is to be done voluntarily.

"Let each one do just as he has purposed in his heart; not grudgingly or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

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*



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 GATHER TO GLORIFY THE LORD

Prelude "Before the Throne of God Above" Cook/Bancroft
John Wells, organist
Call to Worship Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Gathering Song "Indescribable" Story/Reeves
*Responsive Reading Psalm 148:1-5

*Processional Hymn 36 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" HYFRYDOL
*Song of Praise 37 "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" SOLI DEO GLORIA
Anthem of Praise "Creation Sings" arr. Hamilton
Sanctuary Choir
Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 539 "Satisfied" SATISHED
*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
*Prayer Response 244 "Spirit of the Living God" IVERSON

WE HEAR THE STORY OF SALVATION

Sermon "Fathoming the Heart of God" Dr. Adkisson
Mark 12:28-34
*Hymn of Commitment "God Will Make a Way" Moen

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Deacon Commitment and Ordination Dr. Adkisson
Musical Offering John Wells, organist
*Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
*Responsive Call to Thanksgiving Dr. Nelms

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

*Benediction Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus "God Will Make a Way" Moen
*Postlude Instrumentalists

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

*Prelude Todd Arnold, piano
Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Praise "Fairrest Lord Jesus" arr. Nockles
*Scripture Reading Revelation 7:10, 12 Krisi Cox
Anthem of Praise "Glory to God Forever" Chl Rho Youth Choir arr. Mort
Scripture Reading John 13:34-35 Gray Forrester
Message in Song "By Our Love" Chi Rho arr. Keveren
*Song of Devotion "Ancient Words" DeShazo
Sermon Dr. Adkisson
*Song of Assurance "Grace Flows Down" Giglio/Bell/Padgett
*Offerory Prayer Howard Stephenson
Musical Offering "The Solid Rock" arr. Cottrell
Benediction Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
 Tim Collins
 Chris Vick
 Chris Wilson
 11 a.m. Phone Duty: Steve Sharpe
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Newman

Wednesday Dinner - 09/15

Chicken casserole, mixed veggies, salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/15

5:00 p.m. - Mary Ruth & Doug Winford, Arleda Hunter, Don Williams

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

Extended Session - 09/12

Bed Babies - Bob & Judy Miller

Creepers/Toddlers - Patricia Fuller, Becky Holbrook

2's - Misty Powers, Stephanie Arp

3's - Ken Peterson, Shellie Warren

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$28,610.68
Difference from Goal	-\$127.97
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,324.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$31,934.68
Budget Goal to Date	\$287,386.54
Budget Gifts to Date	\$261,105.82
Difference from Goal	-\$26,280.72
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$298,759.01
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$37,653.19
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$7,885.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,773,179.23

Sunday School Attendance

September 5, 2010

General Officers	4
Preschool	43
Children	52
Youth	42
Adults	292
Total	433



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Choirs to release CD next Sunday

The first compact disc featuring the Sanctuary Choir and Chi Rho Youth Choir will be released next Sunday evening, September 19. In celebration of the CD release, the Chi Rho Choir and the Sanctuary Choir will be singing songs from the CD in worship at 6:00 p.m. and Dr. Paul Clark, who serves as Music and Worship Specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be preaching. Following the service everyone will be invited to a reception in the Fellowship Hall. At that time, the CDs will be distributed to those who pre-ordered. Additional CDs will also be available for purchase.



The CD features 14 great anthems that range from traditional to Southern Gospel. Choir director Jonathan Nelms comments, "This CD has a great mix of songs that represent the diversity of our congregation. There is something for everyone." Songs on the CD include favorite hymns such as "The Old Rugged Cross" and lively gospel tunes such as "Goodbye, World, Goodbye." The title track of the CD is "Sing to the Lord" which is an anthem sung by the youth choir. Chi Rho recorded two other songs for the CD and joined the Sanctuary Choir for four other arrangements.

By selling more than 400 CDs before the recording, all of the production costs have already been paid. Consequently all proceeds from future sales will go directly to funding music ministry and outreach projects.

Jackie Donaldson was president of the Sanctuary Choir during the recording. She observes, "I know that the CD will be a blessing to everyone who hears it. We are so thankful that the choir can minister to people whenever they listen to this recording. It was a great experience for us to make this CD and we're excited about sharing it with others."

PASTOR'S HEART

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Such an attitude is immature and ultimately very, very unhealthy. Choosing a church because of its 'style' is like choosing a brain surgeon because you like his shoes.

Some may not consider us to be 'short' enough. Others may not consider us to be 'good' enough. But I pledge to you that I will continually seek to be biblical to the core -- rightly dividing the word of truth.

It's a new season and with it a new series of sermons begins this morning.

God puts a high priority upon

our place in our neighborhoods. He also places an emphasis upon our time in prayer. For the next number of weeks we will be focusing on reaching our neighbors with the wonderful Gospel of God and the pivotal role prayer plays in such a mission.



We use three words to define our purpose at First Baptist: Encounter, Encourage, Engage. During this season we will concentrate on being 'Engaged' in the mission to which God has called us right in our very own neighborhoods.

See you in Worship,
 Pastor Randy

Bulletin Board



GRIEVING

Grief Share

There are three sessions available: Tuesday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Magnolia House on Madison St.; Wednesday morning from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the YMCA; and Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Magnolia House. Call 526-1928 for more information.

MEN

Men's Fraternity



The Quest for Authentic Manhood begins Sept. 16
 Winning at Work & Home begins September 28
 Both classes are from 6:00-7:30 a.m. at Stevens Street Baptist Church. Register online at www.stevensstreet.org/mensfraternity. Cost is \$15 and includes book and other materials. Free coffee and doughnuts!! Call 526-6398 for more information.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

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.



YOUTH

Youth Lunch/Outreach

Sunday, September 19 from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
 All youth and leaders come for a great meal followed by making one or two visits to youth prospects. We need your help.

STUDENTS

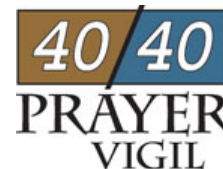
See You at the Pole



Wednesday, September 22 from 7:00-8:00 a.m.
 For 20 years now, See You at the Pole has been about students leading out in prayer, asking God to reveal who He is on campuses all over the United States and the world. This year, **GATHER** at your school flagpole, **PRAY** for your school, friends, family and world. ASK God to **REVEAL** who He is on your campus. Pray for **AWAKENING**.

PRAYER

40/40 Prayer Vigil



September 20-October 29
 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.

Weekly Activities

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

Monday, Sept. 13

5:30 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

8:45 A.M. MDO
 5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Wednesday, Sept. 15

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
 Stewardship Com. #175
 5:30 P.M. Prayer Mtg.
 Sanctuary Choir
 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. 16

9:30 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
 7:00 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Navy
 7:45 P.M. Volleyball - FBC Green

Friday, Sept. 17

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 11:30 A.M. Operation Christmas Child Luncheon

Saturday, Sept. 18

10:00 A.M. College Lake Day

Sunday, Sept. 19

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:00 P.M. Yth. Lunch/Outreach
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra Handbells
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Choir CD Release Party