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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



I have to admit that I have hung up on callers more this week than usual. Perhaps you have too. With the political season in full swing, my phone rings daily with recorded messages soliciting my vote for one candidate or another, Republican, Democrat, or Independent.

Often the phone is simply silent after I pick up and say, "Hello?" Apparently many of the recorded messages simply do not work out very well.

I don't want to be rude, yet I tend to hang up whether the message begins to play or not. When it gets this close to Election Day, my reaction is simply self-defense. I am trying to protect my sanity from incessant interruptions.

What may protect your sanity when it comes to politics can ruin your walk with God. Too many use the same tactic when God seeks to reach; we hang up on Him.

Of course I am not speaking literally; God has never called me on the phone. But when we 'checkout' during the sermon, fail to spend time in God's word, block out the voice of God's Spirit with the noise of our lives, or ignore opportunities to be engaged in Kingdom work -- we are hanging up on God. I don't know about you, but I really don't want to be rude to God.

Speaking of being rude, last week's message explored four biblical reasons that our prayers may be hindered. We used the word 'RUDE' to remind us of those issues: Relationships, Unconfessed Sin, Disbelief, and Engagement (not). Remember? If you missed that message listen to it on the Internet or call and order a copy from the church office.

This morning we are going to follow up by looking specifically at our broken relationships and how they affect our spiritual life. You will recognize the principles. We have studied them before, yet they are important enough to revisit.

Don't fail to be engaged in our **Operation Neighborhood Harvest Fest**. People will be loading candy and material this week in preparation and we need volunteers to do this and to work at the tents. Everybody can and should be praying for God's work through this effort.

SPEAKING OF PRAYER — I know that you are praying for your neighbors, now let's go a little further. How about sending them a postcard to let them know of your praying and ask them to let you know of any specific needs for prayer. We have some postcards or you can make up your own. Take this step to love your neighbor as yourself!

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 27

6:30 p.m. in Chapel

Agenda: Elect messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention; elect messengers to the Stone Association; Committee on Committees report, vote on deacon nomination for Moderator/Alternate Moderator.

Mission Opportunities

Upcoming Mission Trips

March 10-21: India

May 20-27: St. Lucia

November 3-15: India

There will be an information meeting about these trips on Sunday, November 7 immediately following the morning worship service in Room 177.

5th Sunday Food Drive

We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive by bringing a bag of groceries to church on Sunday, October 31. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Cans for Kids

In order to help children and their families, the Royal Ambassadors are collecting cans of food through October 27. These cans will be taken to the Care Center to help them stock up for the upcoming holidays.

GPS: Your High 5

This is a season of missions emphasis with many opportunities to participate in "neighborhood dues." You have a chance to discover the delight of being a part of God's mission to our neighborhood. Just remember all that He

has done for you and that God loves a cheerful giver.

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, 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.

Please note that numbers are included for all hymns found in *The Baptist Hymnal*.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP ALMIGHTY GOD

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms

Video Promotion of Operation Christmas Child

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Song of Adoration "You Are My All in All" Jennigan

Call to Worship Philipians 4:19-20 NIV

*Hymn of Praise 56 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

*Responsive Reading Psalm 40:16-17 NIV

*Song of Devotion 456 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" Allen

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:28-30 ESV

Song of Comfort "Hide Away in the Love of Jesus" arr. Sterling

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism and Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

*Singing Prayer "Our Father in Heaven" arr. Wyse

Sanctuary Choir and Congregation

Testimony in Song "Be Still, My Soul, Be Still" Jonathan Enix Selah

WE ARE FORMED BY THE WORD OF GOD

Sermon "Hindered Prayers? Relationships?" Dr. Adkisson

*Commitment Hymn 613 "The Servant Song" BEACH SPRING

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer Tim Collins

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music "Ancient Words" arr. Shipp

FBC Orchestra

*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 561 "One by One" Justice

*Postlude Instrumentalists

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

Prelude Todd Arnold

*Song of Praise "Shout to the Lord" Zszech

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Hymn of Testimony "Nothing but the Blood" arr. Coates

Scripture Reading Psalm 51

Testimony in Song "Create in Me a Clean Heart" arr. Rhodes

Chi Rho Youth Choir

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon (1 John 1:8-9)

*Celebration of Forgiveness "Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" arr. Tomlin

Sermon "Give Us Clean Hands" Dr. Adkisson

*Song of Commitment "We've Got the Spirit" Randall Ramsey

Offertory Prayer "We've Got the Spirit" Choplin

*Sharing Spiritual Decisions

Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

A Chi Rho Parent Information Meeting will be held in the choir room immediately following the evening worship service.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
 Tim Collins, Don Williams,
 Steve Sharpe
 11 a.m. Phone Duty: Greg Steeves
 7 p.m. Phone Duty: Chris Wilson

Wednesday Dinner - 10/27

Chicken and dumplings, cornbread,
 dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 10/27

5:00 p.m. - Fran & Charlie Hutchinson,
 Bob & Juanita Brown

5:45 p.m. - Ruth Ann Southerlan, Faye
 Griggs, Kreg Vaughn

Extended Session - 10/24

Bed Babies - Carol Joyner, Connie
 Taylor

Creepers/Toddlers - David & Pat
 Mullinax

2's - Shellie Warren, Amanda Keeton

3's - Mike & Kelli Isabell

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$24,173.09
Difference from Goal	-\$4,565.56
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,927.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$27,100.09
Budget Goal to Date	\$459,818.46
Budget Gifts to Date	\$441,760.02
Difference from Goal	-\$18,058.44
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$454,888.92
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$13,128.90
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$11,345.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,776,639.23

Sunday School Attendance

October 17, 2010

General Officers	5
Preschool	36
Children	52
Youth	40
Adults	295
Total	428



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Operation Christmas Child is almost here!

By Brenda Spain

We are on the countdown for bringing in your shoeboxes...just 21 more days! Joyce and I are already speaking at churches, schools and groups getting them all excited about Operation Christmas Child! Our church's goal for this year is 700 boxes, and we are asking you to fill one more box than you did last year if at all possible.

This year Samaritan's Purse is beginning a new program called "The Greatest Journey," a 12-week program for boys and girls to learn more about the Bible and Jesus. That means you are a missionary in the uttermost parts of the earth!

With your box, take the time to write a note and send a picture. As you will see in one of our videos in the coming weeks, the notes mean the world to these children, but prayer is always the most important treasure that you can put in your box. The \$7 for shipping and materials can be put in your box or paid online at www.samaritanspurse.org/ezpay. If you pay online, in December you should receive an email letting you know which country your loved-filled shoebox is going to.

Our Secret Shopper is ready to go fill your box(es) if you aren't able, but it is a blessing just to get out and fill your box with special treasures! Remember that we **cannot** have any war toys, breakables, liquids and food except for gum and hard candy. (November 1 most of the Halloween candy will probably be half price!). The older boys, ages 10-14, always get the least amount of boxes.

Sunday, October 31 we will have our plastic boxes in the foyer and tower entrance for a \$1 donation to Operation Christmas Child. We will also have signup sheets for volunteers to help during the week of November 14-22. There are nine people signed up for the Atlanta Processing Center November 28-30. If you would like to go with us and get blessed more than you think possible, please let Joyce or me know. We have six spaces left.

God bless you all as we go into this new season. With six Relay Centers in the Upper Cumberland collecting boxes, we are all looking forward to what God is going to do in 2010!



Choir CDs ready for pickup

The new First Baptist choir compact discs have been delivered and are ready for distribution. *Sing to the Lord* is a professional recording of the youth and adult choirs singing fourteen inspiring anthems. Prepaid CDs may be picked up in the central lobby today or in the music ministry office throughout the week. New CDs are also available for the purchase price of \$15 each. All proceeds from the sale of this CD will fund music ministry outreach projects. Past choir president Jackie Donaldson observes, "The CD makes a wonderful Christmas gift. The recording really ministers to the listener and the sales will help reach more people with the gospel."



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Bulletin Board



MEN

Men's Breakfast

Omega Sanctuary, Cookeville First Assembly
 Wednesday, October 27
 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. Tickets are available in the church office.

YOUTH

Youth Hallelujah Party

Saturday, October 30 from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Deborah and Chan Baranowski's farm
 Enjoy lots of fun, games, food, fellowship, campfire and a hayride. Sign up in the youth department by October 27. Bring a 2-liter drink and a snack to share. Meet at FBC at 5:45 if you need a ride.



CHURCHWIDE

Operation Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 31

White Plains, Capshaw Woods, Rebecca Place and Hillsdale

We'll set up a First Baptist tent in each of these neighborhoods and hand out food, packets with candy and a gospel tract to kids and information packets to adults. There will also be a game and opportunities for you to pray with folks. Be a part of engaging folks in these neighborhoods. Get more information or sign up in the Central Lobby.



SPORTS/RECREATION

Upward Basketball & Cheerleading™

Kindergarten-6th grade

Cost: \$50

Upward provides equal playing time for all players and recognizes that Every Child Is A Winner™. Registration deadline is November 1.



Devoted Basketball

7th-12th grade

Cost: \$25

Each player receives equal playing time. The league uses USSSA rules. Cost includes a shirt.



CHILDREN

I'm A Christian Now

Beginning Sunday, November 21

6:00 p.m. in Room 327B

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. Call the church office to sing up.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Oct. 24

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Handbells Orchestra
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill Bible Buddies
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Chi Rho Parent Mtg.

Monday, Oct. 25

Tuesday, Oct. 26

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, Oct. 27

3:00 P.M. FLC Open
 5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Youth Choir Preschool & Children's Choirs
 6:30 P.M. Quarterly Bus. Mtg. Sanctuary Choir Children's Missions Yth Worship/Bible Study
 7:30 P.M. College Bible Study FLC Open until 8:00

Thursday, Oct. 28

9:00 A.M. Happy Tones to LifeCare
 9:30 A.M. CBS
 7:00 P.M. Volleyball – FBC Green
 7:45 P.M. Volleyball – FBC Orange
 9:15 P.M. Volleyball – FBC Navy

Friday, Oct. 29

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

Saturday, Oct. 30

9:00 A.M. Upward/Devoted Evaluations
 6:00 P.M. Youth Hallelujah Party @ Baranowski's

Sunday, Oct. 31

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 5:00 P.M. Neighborhood Harvest Festival