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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



This season is all about missions and engagement. Taking your discipleship to Jesus to a new and higher level is a challenge I want to present to you. Maybe that means that you should give more to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions than you have in the past. Perhaps it means you will take the challenge to be a Neighborhood Watchman, over the next months making praying for your neighbors the highest of priorities. Perhaps -- and for some this is certainly the case -- it means accepting a call to a short-term mission trip yourself.

Steve has announced a couple of mission opportunities for the next six months. The first one, with deadlines approaching, is a trip to Northern India. There in the midst of the tea gardens of India, God is doing an awesome work. The area is beautiful with mountains rising into the clouds and a view of the Himalayans on a clear day. The people are friendly and the food is 'not bad.'

Who is God calling to this unique opportunity for missions and growth? You perhaps. There are a limited number of places to fill, but spots still open. There are some scholarships available to help with part of the expense. There is a need for new people, as well as experienced participants. Come and be a part of the adventure of missions. See Steve for details.

The holidays are upon us. Two words of encouragement: Be friendly and gracious to others wherever you are and under every circumstance. Greet them with a Merry Christmas, but don't demand that they greet you in a certain way in order for you to respond positively to them. Witness is not about demanding that others live up to our expectations. Indeed, expect that the fallen world will react as a fallen world. In such darkness the light of Christ should shine brightest through you. Though I know I am standing against a form of Christian 'political correctness', there are many holidays in this season and someone wishing me 'Happy Holidays' is not offensive to me, but might offer me a chance to speak of Jesus. Snapping at a sales clerk for using the wrong terms of cheer *does not* an effective witness of God's grace make. Our goal is not to have them see an assertive Christian, but a beautiful Christ.

Secondly, the holiday season is a very difficult time for some, especially those who are grieving. Be aware of those who may be hurting around you. Find a special way to minister to them. If you are grieving, be encouraged, Christmas is a time to celebrate the joy that Jesus came to take your grief upon Himself. His birth offers to us hope and promise. Heaven is full because of Christmas. It may be hard, but determine to rejoice in the Christ of Christmas.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Thanksgiving Schedule
Wednesday — No meal or activities; FLC closed
Thursday — Office & FLC closed
Friday — Office & FLC closed

Mission Opportunities

Upward Prayer Commissioner
 The Upward and Devoted Leadership Team has put an increased emphasis on prayer this season.



We are seeking to enlist prayer partners for each coach and referee and have people praying during games and practices. We need someone to head up this ministry, enlisting prayer partners and communicating with them throughout the season. If you could help in this way, please contact Colleen Cox at 526-7108 or by email at ccox@fbccookeville.org.

India & St. Lucia

Applications and deposits for the March trip to India and the May trip to St. Lucia are due Sunday, December 5. If you have questions about either trip, please see Steve Farris.

Stewardship Verse

What we do with our money is both an indicator and a determiner of where our hearts are.

"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation..."
 (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

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, NOVEMBER 21, 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.

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

- Call to Worship Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- *Hymn of Praise 637 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
- *Song of Thanksgiving "Give Thanks" Smith
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Song of Praise "I Will Enter His Gates" Brethorst
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Anthem of Praise "Sound His Praise" arr. McDonald
- Sanctuary Choir with FBC Orchestra and SSSB Ensemble
- WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**
- Sermon "Models for Prayer" Dr. Adkisson
Matthew 6:5-15
- *Commitment Song "Be the Centre" Frye

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

- Offertory Prayer Jack Mattson
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory Music "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Horne
Southern Stars Symphonic Brass Ensemble
- *Presentation of Offering

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

- *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
- Sharing of Spiritual Decisions
- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Departing Song 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Terry Roberson given by Shirie and Reba Roberson

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

- Prelude Todd Arnold, pianist
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Praise 643 "For the Fruit of All Creation" AR HYD Y NOS
- *Chorus of Devotion "More Precious than Silver" DeShazo
- *Chorus of Devotion "Enough" Tomlin/Giglio
- *Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39 ESV
- *Songs of Testimony "If God Be For Us" McCormick
"Lay Up Your Treasures in Heaven" Choplin
Chi Rho Youth Choir
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Song of Commitment "God Will Make a Way" Moen
- Offertory Prayer Howard Stephenson
- Musical Offering "Thanksgiving" Winston
Jonathan Nelms, pianist
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon
Carl Johnson, Howard Stephenson,
Jack Mattson

11 a.m. Phone Duty: Ed Griggs
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Wade Raines

Wednesday Dinner - 11/24
NO MEAL

Extended Session - 11/21

Bed Babies - Gloria Vick, Brenda Gaw

Creepers/Toddlers - Jennifer Riddick,
Debbie Ramsey

2's - Mike Wilson, Rose Collins

3's - Laura & Bobby Rich

Stewardship Verse

Giving is an act of worship that evidences our love for the Lord.

"Your players and alms have ascended as a memorial before God."

Acts 10:4

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$25,474.39
Difference from Goal	-\$3,264.26
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,413.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$26,887.39
Budget Goal to Date	\$574,773.08
Budget Gifts to Date	\$547,720.10
Difference from Goal	-\$27,052.98
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$562,128.47
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$14,408.37
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$13,715.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,779,009.23

Sunday School Attendance

November 14, 2010

General Officers	5
Preschool	45
Children	59
Youth	38
Adults	312
Total	459

Southern Stars Symphonic Brass Coming to First Baptist

The Southern Stars Symphonic Brass will present a concert at First Baptist Church today at 3:00 p.m. First Baptist and the Steven Street School for Performing Arts are working together to present this concert. Advance



tickets for the concert cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students if they are purchased this morning. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$18 for adults and \$5 for students.

The Southern Stars Symphonic Brass Band is conducted by Dr. Donald Ryder who is the current director of the University of Tennessee's "Pride of the Southlands" marching band. Members of the band live in towns throughout this region of Tennessee including Knoxville and Nashville. Dwight Wages who founded the band only two years ago comments, "We are excited returning to Cookeville. The church sanctuary at First Baptist is an excellent venue for this concert and we appreciate the church hosting us again."

The first half of the concert will include stirring patriotic arrangements such as the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless the USA, and John Williams' Liberty Fanfare. Before intermission the band will also be playing an arrangement of spirituals by Douglas Court; Georgia on My Mind; Trio Con Brio; Lil' Darlin'; and March from 1941. Following intermission the Southern Stars will regale listeners with festive Christmas tunes including March on Christmas Day, Huron Carol, Frosty the Snowman, and Leroy Anderson's perennial favorite A Christmas Festival.

More than thirty brass and percussion instrumentalists will be playing in the concert. A small ensemble of these players are joining the First Baptist orchestra as they play in worship this morning. Minister of Music Dr. Jonathan Nelms comments, "It is a privilege to host this concert and to welcome these fine musicians to our worship service. I pray that God will be honored by the musical offering that we will present."

PIES AND PEOPLE NEEDED!



On Tuesday evening, November 23, First Baptist Church has been asked to participate with other area churches in "Feeding the Multitudes". This year over 9,000 meals will be delivered to homes in Cookeville and Baxter



with the message that Jesus loves them. We have had 200 pies donated which only need to be cut into eight pieces and carried to Stevens Street Baptist Church on Monday and Tuesday morning. Additional pies (non-refrigerated) are also needed and can be either brought to us here at the church or delivered directly to Stevens Street. If you are available to deliver the meals, please go directly to Stevens Street beginning at 4:30 on Tuesday evening. You will be blessed as you deliver a "touch from Jesus". If you have any questions, please contact Mike Head.

Parent-Child Dedication

First Baptist will have a time of Parent-Child Dedication during the morning worship service on Sunday, December 12. Families need to be registered to participate in this special time of worship. During this time, parents commit to raise their families under the authority and protection of the Lord. This is a special time for the church family also as it makes a commitment to help in the vital area of raising children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

Call the church office or place this form in the offering plate to register your family by Wed. Dec. 8.

Parent/Child Dedication Form

Name _____
Parents _____
Worship Service _____
Birth Date _____

Bulletin Board

CHILDREN

I'm A Christian Now

Begins tonight @ 6:00 - Room 327B

Ann Hertzfeldt and Colleen Cox lead this four-week class that helps 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.

PARENTS

Shepherding a Child's Heart Study

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Room 143

Lisa Barrett will facilitate this study. This book provides perspectives and procedures for shepherding your child's heart into the paths of life. *Shepherding a Child's Heart* gives fresh biblical approaches to child rearing.

CHILDREN

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 10 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall & FLC

This is for children ages 3-6th grade. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 5. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

CHURCHWIDE

WINTER WONDERLAND ON ICE

Sunday, December 12th, 7:00 p.m.

This year's **TASTING PARTY** takes place in Pine Tree, Vermont - the site of the classic musical *WHITE CHRISTMAS*. Reminisce with us as we sit amongst our family and friends at the Fellowship Hall Inn. Treats will be plentiful; surrounded by tables and chairs for your comfort. Join us, sit a spell and ENJOY.

Save the date for this year's Christmas celebration at First Baptist Church. We invite our church family to host the community as we gather for this special evening of music and fellowship. Bring finger foods to share. Come expecting to experience the *Real reason for the Season*.

Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due Monday, December 6. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name _____

Please place _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory of _____

OR

In honor of _____

____ I will pick up (after Christmas Eve service) ____ Take to shut in

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Nov. 21

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
3:00 P.M. Southern Stars
Symph. Band

4:00 P.M. Handbells
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible
Drill

Bible Buddies
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Nov. 22

6:00 P.M. Upward Coaches
Training

Tuesday, Nov. 23

8:45 A.M. MDO
5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble
6:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
Rehearsal

Wednesday, Nov. 24

NO ACTIVITIES

Thursday, Nov. 25

OFFICE & FLC
CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 26

OFFICE & FLC
CLOSED

Saturday, Nov. 27

Sunday, Nov. 28

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
2:00 P.M. TTU Choir Reh.

4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Handbells

4:30 P.M. Outreach

5:00 P.M. Children's Bible
Drill

Bible Buddies

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbccookeville.org.



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