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Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



Did you hear about the Wisemen? Thanksgiving weekend is a time when many of our families are traveling. So if you missed the message from the first Sunday of Advent, let me encourage you to use the church website (www.fbccookeville.org) or order a copy of the service and listen to the message.

Those fellows went to a great deal of trouble to bow before the Lord, to worship Him, and to present their treasures to the King of kings. We have the same opportunity each Sunday as we gather to worship and most of us don't have to travel over 10 miles to do so. And we get to ride in cars instead of on camels. In other words, count your blessings and take advantage of them to worship the King this Christmas season.

Welcome with me Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and his wife Jeanne to our worship service this morning. Randy will be bringing the message from God's word.

As the Pastor, first at Morristown First and then at Sevierville First Baptist, Randy had a strong track record of successful ministry in Tennessee before being called as the new Executive Director. A gifted communicator, I know that the Lord will use Randy to challenge us this morning and equip us for service.

Join me in praying for Randy as he continues on this new and vitally important journey in service to the Lord and Tennessee Baptist. I am delighted that you have the opportunity to personally hear and greet him today.

Missions was the reason for Christmas! Jesus came on a mission to seek and save those who are lost. This season is the perfect time for us to emphasize our mission to the world and we do that in two primary ways. First, we give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. This offering is the primary means for funding overseas missions and it takes all of us giving above our tithe to make it happen.

Join me in giving a significant gift to missions. After all, can you think of a more meaningful gift on your list this year than one that brings a soul to Jesus?

Second, Steve is telling us we need to be making our intentions known now about two important mission trips in 2011. Over the next week there will be a couple of meetings and deadlines for the Caribbean and for India. I hope you will join me in giving time and prayer to a personal adventure in missions this year.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

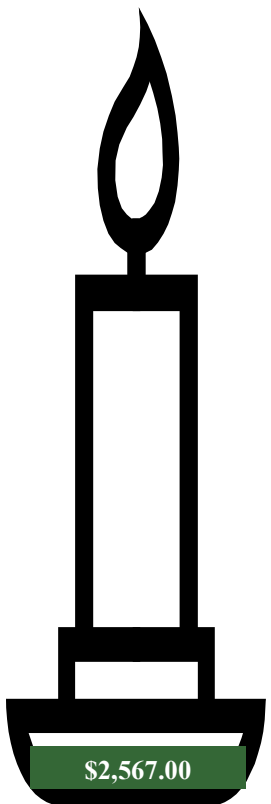
Pictorial Directory

If you still need to set up an appointment to have your picture taken for the church directory or need to change your appointment time, please call 1-800-866-2263.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For International Missions



Church Goal: \$40,000



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*
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 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 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.

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

- Call to Worship Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- *Carol of Praise 94 "Angels, from the Realms of Glory" REGENT SQUARE
- Lighting the Second Candle of Advent Wilson and Atkins Families with Louise Judd
- Responsive Reading including Isaiah 9:2, 6
- Song of Celebration "Advent Celebration" Patterson
- Young Musicians Older Children's Choir Glenda Nelms, director
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Adoration 579 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Kendrick
- Message in Song "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" Choplin
- Sanctuary Choir with George Hibbs, soloist
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- *Hymn of Preparation "Speak, O Lord" Getty/Townend
- WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**
- Sermon Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director
Tennessee Baptist Convention
"The Missing Sheep"
Luke 15:1-7
- *Commitment Song 287 "Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord" LANGLEY
- WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**
- Offertory Prayer Ted Jernigan
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings

- Offertory Music "God Rest Ye Merry" arr. Dobrinski
Praise Ringers Adult Handbell Team
Todd Arnold, director
- *Presentation of Offering
- *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" HYMN TO JOY
- Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Departing Carol 95 "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" refrain only
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Ed Spilman given by Dinah, Carol, Bob, and Jim.

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

- Prelude Getty/Townend
- "Joy Has Dawned"
Todd Arnold, pianist
- *Song of Praise "God of Wonders" Byrd/Hindalong
- Welcome and Fellowship Rev. Mike Head
- *Carol of Praise 96 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" IN DULCI JUBILO
- "Joy Has Dawned" Getty/Townend
- *Carol "Joy Has Dawned"
- Sermon Dr. Steve Farris
- "The Greatest Commandment: God of Wonders"
Mark 12:29-31
- *Song of Commitment "More Love, More Power" Del Hierro
- Offertory Prayer Farrell Cox
- Musical Offering
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- Benediction Rev. Bill Stone
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
Tim Collins, Don Williams, Steve Sharpe

11 a.m. Phone Duty: Richard Newman

7 p.m. Phone Duty: Wade Raines

Wednesday Dinner - 12/08

Chili & hot dogs, Mexican corn-bread/crackers, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/08

5:00 p.m. - Cassandra & Richard Newman, Carolyn & Stan Piela

5:45 p.m. - Donnie King, Stella Dukes, Richard Cashion, Linda Law

Extended Session - 12/05

Bed Babies - Aniekla 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	\$16,338.85
Difference from Goal	-\$12,399.80
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,889.97
Total Gifts this Week	\$19,228.82
Budget Goal to Date	\$632,250.38
Budget Gifts to Date	\$599,997.43
Difference from Goal	-\$32,252.95
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$600,158.74
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$161.31
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$15,070.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,780,364.23

Sunday School Attendance

November 28, 2010

General Officers	5
Preschool	42
Children	50
Youth	38
Adults	302
Total	437



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Christmas Musical next Sunday evening

The Music Ministry of First Baptist will present a concert of Christmas music next Sunday evening, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. This annual event will feature the Sanctuary and Chi Rho Youth Choirs as well as the FBC Orchestra and the Praise Ringers.



Jonathan Nelms who compiled the program comments, "I have entitled the program 'Welcome the Child of Light' because it is a celebration of the Light of Christ overcoming the darkness of this world. The Sanctuary Choir will sing a song by this title and many of the other songs reinforce this theme of light shining in the midst of darkness."

The Sanctuary Choir will also sing a rousing gospel tune by Andre Thomas called "Walk in the Light" and a stately arrangement by John Rutter entitled "Rejoice and Be Merry." This choir of students and adults will also present Pepper Choplin's poignant anthem "Waiting" just before a short inspirational word from Pastor Randy.

The Chi Rho Youth Choir will present four songs during the program: a Latin styled "Bethlehem Procession," Handel's magnificent "For Unto Us a Child Is Born," and Chris Tomlin's worshipful "Uncreated One." Chi Rho will also repeat an arrangement of "Silent Night" which they presented last year. This setting will include soloists singing the popular carol in German, Spanish, and Korean. The youth boys will sing a foundational ostinato in Zulu throughout the piece as well.

In addition to great choral music, our church instrumentalists will also be featured. The First Baptist Church Orchestra will play a lush setting of "What Child Is This" and a driving arrangement of Michael W. Smith's "Emmanuel." Under the direction of Todd Arnold, the Praise Ringers Handbell Team will play a delightful medley of "Joy to the World" and "How Great Our Joy."

The program will conclude with a bombastic setting of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" for combined choir, orchestra, handbells, and congregation. Sanctuary Choir President Robert Fuller observes, "This program has something for everyone. It is an eclectic mix of favorite carols and new songs in a variety of styles."

Everyone who attends the program will be invited to a Christmas Tasting Party following the concert. Linda Sharpe is coordinating the set-up and décor for this annual extravaganza of food and fellowship. More details are available in the Central Lobby.

Nursery service will be provided for the concert. No tickets are necessary, but the Sanctuary typically fills before the program begins. Jonathan adds, "I hope our church members will invite their family, friends, and especially their neighbors to this special Christmas event. It is a great time to meet new friends and introduce them to the Lord."

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 Wednesday, December 8.

Parent/Child Dedication Form

Name _____

Parents _____

Birth Date _____

Bulletin Board



MISSIONS

India trip meeting

Tonight @ 7:00
Conference Room

Applications and deposits are due for the March India trip today.

WOMEN

WMU Day Group Meeting

Tuesday, December 7
9:45 a.m. in Café area

We will focus on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Please bring a finger food to share.

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. Children will celebrate Jesus' birth through story time, music, recreation and crafts. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 5. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC.



MISSIONS

St. Lucia trip meeting

Sunday, December 12 @ 11:15 a.m.
Conference Room

Applications and deposits are due for the May St. Lucia trip by this date.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

New studies/classes

Beginning January 2

Cappuccino ladies (Medium Adult) — Purpose Driven Life

New class for young singles and couples

Bible's top 50 stories (Discussion class) — For any age

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 tomorrow. 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, Dec. 5

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:00 A.M. College Lunch

Senior Adult Lunch
Orchestra
Handbells

4:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Reh.
6:00 P.M. Now That I'm a Christian

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Dec. 6

5:45 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

8:45 A.M. MDO

9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Wednesday, Dec. 8

3:00 P.M. FLC Open

3:30 P.M. Study Hall

5:00 P.M. Chi Rho Youth Choir
Preschool & Children's Choirs

Youth on Mission
Prayer Meeting

Missions Programs
Sanctuary Choir Reh.

Parents Study #143
Yth Worship/Bible Study

7:30 P.M. FLC Open until 8:00

8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 9

9:30 A.M. CBS

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

6:30 P.M. Christmas Musical
Rehearsal

Friday, Dec. 10

8:45 A.M. MDO

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

6:00 P.M. Happy Birthday Jesus
Party

6:30 P.M. Christmas Musical
Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec. 11

Sunday, Dec. 12

8:45 A.M. Sunday School

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

4:00 P.M. Handbells

4:30 P.M. Orchestra

5:00 P.M. Sanctuary Choir
Children's Bible Drill
Bible Buddies

5:30 P.M. Chi Rho Youth Choir

6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical

7:00 P.M. Tasting Party

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