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Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

## Pastor's Heart



I pray that you had a very wonderful Christmas filled with the joy of knowing and meditating upon God's great gift to you. Indeed, it is easy to forget the real meaning of Christmas is found in Jesus, not all the trappings of the holidays.

When we focus upon God's gift to us, Christmas becomes joyous no matter the circumstances. When we make family, food, or festivities the focus, no matter how well intentioned we may be, the holidays become disappointing. The key to Christmas, like the key to life, is to keep your focus upon Jesus.

A new year is just around the corner. As unimaginable as it is, we are about to begin 2011. Join me in making it a year of prayer. Pray for me every day, likewise your church.

Make it your goal to learn more about prayer. Become a warrior on your knees.

For January, we are going to take a new tact toward Sunday evening worship. This year's January Bible study is in Galatians. I will be teaching it each Sunday evening during the month of January, starting on January 9th. Unless the crowd is too large, we will meet in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. for each of these studies.

During our January Bible study we will give the entire hour to teaching. This will be a great time for you to really dig into the word and grow in your understanding of your faith. So plan to join us for a study of the book that highlights God's grace.

We've still have a ways to go on our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal. Let's join together to reach the world through this special offering.

With that said, we are also coming to the end of the year and find ourselves a bit behind budget giving. As you set your plans for the New Year, resolve to be a faithful steward. Bring the tithe into the storehouse and see the blessing of God's grace in your life.

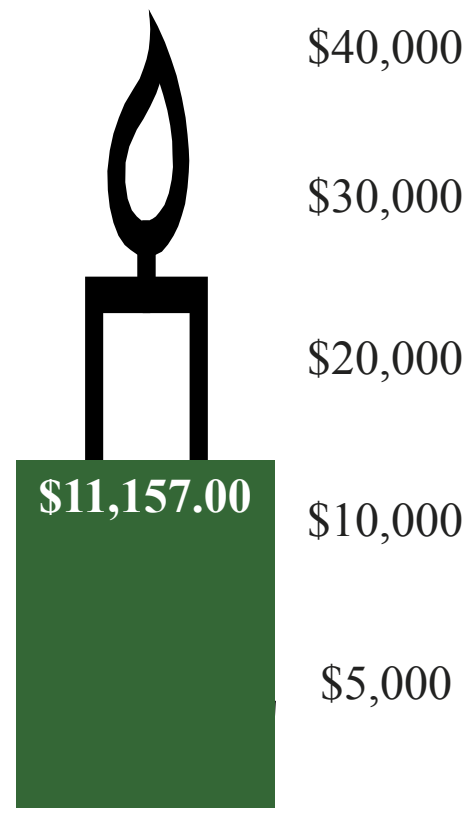
One more thing: I appreciate the hard work that went into last week's Christmas music and worship. I know that some of you could not attend because of previous commitments, but I was so pleased with our attendance and participation after having to rearrange our schedule due to weather. Thank you Choirs and Orchestra. It was great.

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Randy

**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*  
 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, DECEMBER 26, 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	Mathieu Barry
*Carol of Praise 96	"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"	IN DULCI JUBILO
Ordinance of Believer's Baptism		
Welcome and Fellowship	Dr. Randall Adkisson	
*Hymn of Praise 579	"Shine, Jesus, Shine"	SHINE
*Pastoral Prayer	Dr. Adkisson	

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Testimony in Song	"Celebrate the Day"	Relient K
	Mathieu Barry	
Sermon	"The Way God Works"	Dr. Adkisson
	Luke 2:1	
*Invitation Carol 118	"What Child Is This"	GREENSLEEVES

### WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer	Tim Collins
Offertory Music	"Mary, Did You Know?" arr. Wyrzten
	Janna Leigh Ryon, oboe, Kaye Ryon, piano, and Carol Tittle, organ
*Presentation of Offering	
*Doxology 253	OLD 100TH
	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions	

### WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD

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

**SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM**  
**TELEVISION REPLAY AT 7:00 PM**

No Evening Service

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 Christmas Program "Welcome the Child of Light" will be rebroadcast at 7:00 PM on Cable Channel 7.



News Highlights

**Deacons of the Week**

Bob Lovell - Chief Deacon  
 Randall Ramsey  
 Van Sliger  
 Ted Jernigan

**11 a.m. Phone Duty:** Ted Jernigan  
**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Ed Griggs

**Wednesday Dinner - 12/29**  
 NO MEAL

**Extended Session - 12/26**

Bed Babies - Karen Cox, Courtney Cox

Creepers/Toddlers - Greg & Ashli Johnson

2's - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

3's - Chris & Mylon Simpson

Budget

**Stewardship Verse**

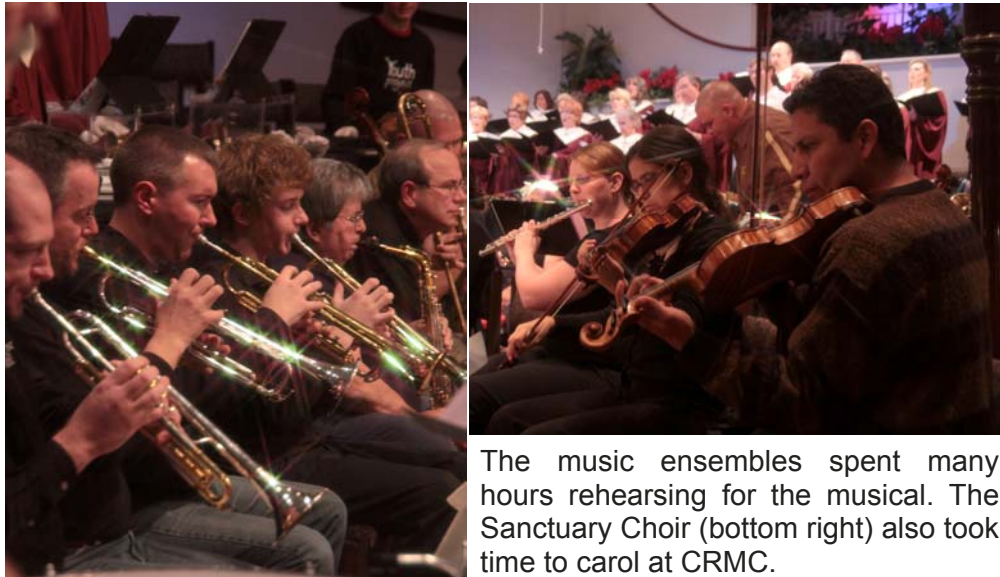
We should plan and prepare for when and how much to give. "On the first day of every week, let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper . . ." (1 Cor. 16:2)

Sunday School Attendance

**December 19, 2010**

General Officers	5
Preschool	48
Children	56
Youth	40
Adults	311
<b>Total</b>	<b>460</b>

# Welcome the Child of Light Rehearsal



The music ensembles spent many hours rehearsing for the musical. The Sanctuary Choir (bottom right) also took time to carol at CRMC.



## Bulletin Board



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

#### Church Office/FLC Schedule

Monday, December 27 — Office & FLC closed  
 Tuesday, December 28 — Open Gym from 1-3 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 29 — No meal or activities; Open Gym from 1-3 p.m.  
 Thursday, December 30 — Open Gym from 1-3 p.m.  
 Friday, December 31 — Office & FLC closed

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### Three new studies/classes

#### Start the New Year right!! Get involved in a Sunday School class.

These three new classes begin January 2 at 8:45 a.m.  
 Young Singles and Couples Class — Facilitators Mathieu & Lynsey Barry and Erick Barrett; meeting in the FLC  
 Medium Adult Women — Purpose Driven Life facilitated by Salee Adkisson  
 Bible's top 50 stories for any age — Led by Steve & Pam Farris in Room 175. Come walk through the Bible.



### 55+

#### 55+ Everybody Birthday Party

Sunday, January 9  
 Fellowship Hall

Lunch is provided by the church. Call the church office at 526-7108 and make reservations by Sunday, January 2.



### CHILDREN

#### Bowling and lunch

Monday, January 17  
 9:00-12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$4 plus money for lunch

For K-6th grade

Spend this holiday from school with bowling and lunch at Chick-Fil-A. Sign up and pay by Sunday, January 16.



Weekly Activities

**Sunday, Dec. 26**  
 8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
 6:00 P.M. NO Evening Service

**Monday, Dec. 27**  
 Church Office/FLC Closed

**Tuesday, Dec. 28**  
 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

**Wednesday, Dec. 29**  
 1:00 P.M. FLC Open  
 No Activities

**Thursday, Dec. 30**  
 1:00 P.M. FLC Open

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**Saturday, Jan. 1**  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Sunday, Jan. 2**  
 8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
 6:00 P.M. NO Evening Service

**To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org).**

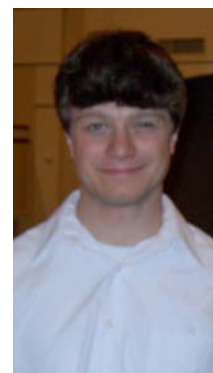
### Upward Sports & Devoted Basketball Prayer Partners

We are looking for people to pray for each of our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading and Devoted Basketball teams this season. We have about 35 more teams that need a prayer partner. Prayer partners will be given a roster and asked to pray for the coach(es) and players. If you would be willing to pray for a team please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### Welcome New Members



Chris Tisdale



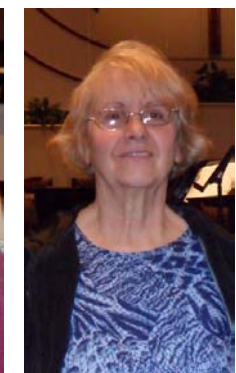
Becca Gregory



Jake Pruitt



Rachel Coleman



Thanne Cole



Troy & Kim Caudle