

## Pastor's Heart



New Year's brings new opportunities! As we come to the end of 2010 and begin fresh 2011 we do so with several clear truths from God.

1) God is at work in your life. The scriptures plainly state "He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6) So, you and I both can be assured that God is actively involved and working in our lives.

You are a wonderful sculpture in progress. That may mean that there is still some chisel work to be done. Or maybe God is in the polishing stage with you. Either way, God is working to make you a beautiful reflection of His grace. Romans 8:29 states, "For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son."

2) God wants to use you this year to make a difference in His church and it's mission. "God has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity." (2 Tim. 1:9 )

There will be no greater joy or satisfaction than that which comes from serving the Lord in 2011. Find your place of mission and service and let God use you there. Better yet, realize that the places of your sojourn, your daily experiences, your place of work and your neighborhood, are God's place of calling for you. God has called you to your places with a holy calling.

3) God will allow you to walk through times of testing this year. Paul writes to Timothy, "Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2:3)

And so it is in a fallen world. Still, though all suffer in this present world, your times of testing are not without grace and purpose. God can grow you and use you more in the times of testing than in any other time in your life. The soldier is a soldier every day, but the times of battle are when he/she is really grown and used.

So we begin a new year. Pray and prepare to be all that God desires. Be faithful in your worship, your mission, and in your stewardship. Remember to "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight." (Prov. 3:5-6)

See you in Worship,  
Pastor Randy



Church staff  
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D., *Senior Pastor*  
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 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



**MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2011**  
**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 232. 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
- \*Song of Praise "Better Is One Day" REDMAN
- \*Responsive Reading Psalm 84:1-2, 4, 10  
 Leader: One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek:  
**All: That I may dwell I the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord, and to seek Him in His temple.**
- Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! My Soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.  
**All: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house; they are ever praising You.**
- Leader: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere.
- \*Hymn of Praise 74 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" ST. ANNE

Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson

\*Fellowship Hymn 422 "Surely Goodness and Mercy" GOODNESS

\*Hymn of Testimony 54 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

\*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Interpretive Movement "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" Barlow Girl  
 Luminesce Creative Arts Team

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Sermon "The Greatest Commandment: Strength" Bro. Steve Farris  
 Luke 10

### WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

\*Song of Commitment "More Love, More Power" Del Hierro

Offertory Prayer Steve Sharpe

Offertory Music "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Smith  
 Todd Arnold, organist

\*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 Chorus "Go, Tell It on the Mountain" refrain only

\*Postlude Instrumentalists

### TELEVISION REPLAY OF THE SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT 7:00 P.M.

No services or activities will be held at First Baptist Church tonight. Please use this time in fellowship and devotion with family and friends.

**A Word from Dr. Adkisson**  
 We are going to take a new tact toward Sunday evening worship beginning on January 9, 2011. I will be teaching a Bible study on Sunday evenings in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. This month's study is in Galatians. This will be a great time for you to really dig into the Word and grow in your understanding of your faith. So please plan to join me for a study of the book that highlights God's grace.  
 —Pastor Randy

## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon  
 Carl Johnson  
 Howard Stephenson  
 Jack Mattson

**11 a.m. Phone Duty:** Greg Steeves

**7 p.m. Phone Duty:** Joe Church

### Wednesday Dinner - 01/05

Turkey casserole, salad, green beans, rolls, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 01/05

**5:00 p.m.** - Mike Shirley, Lynn & Cliff Taylor

**5:45 p.m.** - Melinda & Carl Johnson, Marta Sliger, Melanie Hutcherson

### Extended Session - 01/02

Bed Babies - Peggy Semmes, Mary Ruth Winford

Creepers/Toddlers - Beverly Nivens, Tammy Glass

2's - Lisa Barrett, Amanda Caudle

3's - Salee Adkisson, Kim Groves

### Budget

#### December 19, 2010

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$36,568.16
Difference from Goal	+\$7,829.51
Total Designated Gifts	\$13,300.12
Total Gifts this Week	\$49,868.28
Budget Goal to Date	\$718,466.35
Budget Gifts to Date	\$698,515.09
Difference from Goal	-\$19,951.26
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$727,669.38
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$29,154.29
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$26,860.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,792,154.23

## Upcoming Music Ministry Events

### Music Ministry Rehearsals Resume This Month

All of our music ministry ensembles will return to regularly weekly schedules this month. The following is a list of the ensembles and the days on which they will meet.

#### Wednesday, January 5

4:00 p.m. – Choirchimes and Luminesce

5:00 p.m. – Choirs for preschoolers, children, and youth

6:30 p.m. – Sanctuary Choir for youth and adults

#### Sunday, January 9

4:00 p.m. – Handbells team

#### Thursday, January 20

10:00 a.m. – Happy Tones Senior Adult Choir

#### Sunday, January 23

4:00 p.m. – Orchestra

### Upcoming Music Ministry Special Events

Chi Rho Youth Project in Jackson – January 28-29

State Handbell Festival in Mt. Juliet – February 25-26

Tennessee Ladies Chorus Concert at First Baptist – April 3

### 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 31 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.

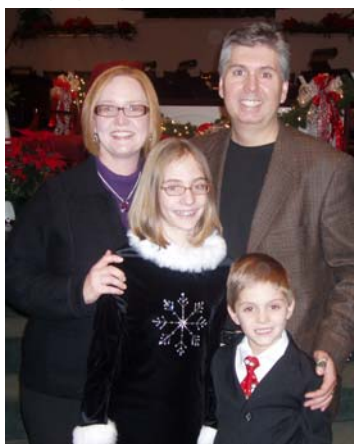
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## Welcome New Members



Isabella  
Hirsch



Andi, Amy,  
Emily & David  
Wilson

## Bulletin Board



### 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 TODAY.

### WOMEN

#### WMU Day Group Meeting

Tuesday, January 4

9:45 a.m.

Room 143A

Come enjoy Bible study and fellowship.



### 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.



### YOUTH

#### Youth Boredom Buster

Monday, January 17

12:30-3:00 p.m.

4th floor

Come enjoy fun and fellowship on this holiday from school. We'll have pizza for lunch, a movie and Wii games in the youth room. It's all free!



### YOUTH

#### Centrifuge Camp

July 11-16

Looking for a special Christmas present for your 7th-12th grader? Send them to Centrifuge at Union University in Jackson, TN. The cost is \$293. A \$50 deposit by January 26 will secure your reservation. See Bill Stone for details.



### CHILDREN

#### Centri-Kid Camp

July 11-15

Looking for a special Christmas present for your 3rd-6th grader? Send them to Centri-Kid at Anderson University in Anderson, SC. Your kids will experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. The cost is \$250. A \$50 deposit by January 26 will secure your reservation. See Colleen Cox for details.



## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, January 2

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

### Monday, January 3

1:00 P.M. FLC Open

### Tuesday, January 4

8:45 A.M. MDO  
 9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group

### Wednesday, January 5

3:00 P.M. Open Gym  
 3:30 P.M. Study Hall  
 4:00 P.M. Luminesce  
 4:15 P.M. Children's Choir Chimes  
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
 Children's Choirs  
 Chi Rho Yth Choir  
 Youth on Mission  
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
 Sanctuary Choir  
 Yth. Worship/Bible Study  
 Children's Missions  
 Parents Bible Study  
 7:30 P.M. Gym open until 8:00  
 8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

### Thursday, January 6

### Friday, January 7

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

### Saturday, January 8

8:00 A.M. Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

### Sunday, January 9

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
 11:30 A.M. 55+ Everybody Birthday Party  
 4:00 P.M. Handbells  
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill  
 Bible Buddies  
 6:00 P.M. January Bible Study  
 -- Chapel

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

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