

Pastor's Heart



"Whiter than snow. Yes, whiter than snow!" The hymn writer penned in reference to the words of the Psalm: "Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." (Psa. 51:7)

Isaiah reveals an even more wonderful truth: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool." (Is. 1:18)

These wonderful words tell us of the effectual nature of Jesus' sacrifice and remind us of today's focus, as well. Paul writes, "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Gal. 2:20)

I pray that as you looked upon the lingering snow this week that you meditated upon God's great love for you and Jesus' effectual sacrifice for your sins. Now as God looks upon you, in Christ, you are cleansed and accepted.

This week's snow challenges also remind me of one of our mission trip maxims: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

When it comes to winter weather I pray that you are flexible and understand the difficulties involved in managing the schedules and ministries of our church. When considering an adjustment to scheduling we have to take into account things like food preparation times, the danger of accidents for our congregation, whether we will have volunteers to staff our programs, and many other similar factors.

After considering all of these things, sometimes, reluctantly, the best solution is to cancel services, especially those that are held after dark. Thanks for your flexibility in understanding these things.

What we never cancel is our morning services. We have held joint Sunday School for whoever shows (sometimes simply taking those who arrived and asking them to man the phone lines). We always strive to have and broadcast the morning worship, realizing we are reaching more by television on 'snow days' than regularly.

So, thanks to everyone who has made special efforts over the last number of weeks to lead musically, provide sound and video, teach a Sunday School class, work with children, or feed the hungry on difficult days. May your work be rewarded with wonderful blessings from our Savior.

As the winter weeks roll on, it will continue to be good to reflect upon our adage: "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape."

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Special Called Business Meeting

A portion of the January 23rd morning worship service will be a called Business Meeting for the ordination of Erick Barrett & Jason Fincher to the gospel ministry. The recommendation comes from the Ordination Council.

Mission Opportunities

WMU Night Group
Monday, January 17
5:30 p.m.
Café
Join us for fellowship, Bible study and Judy Dronebarger's famous Cincinnati chili.

Upward-Devoted Service Opportunities
There are still many ways for you to be involved in Upward and Devoted. We can use folks to referee, keep score, give a devotion, work the concession stand and put together snack bags. If you would like to be involved, please contact Colleen Cox at 526-7108 or by email at ccox@fbccookeville.org.

Stewardship Verse
When we give, we are to do so in secret.
"When you give alms do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will repay you."
(Matthew 6:3-4)

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, JANUARY 16, 2011
10:00 A.M.
TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Worship/Children: For your comfort and that of others, childcare 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

Prelude	Instrumentalists
Welcome and Fellowship	Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 533	"He Lives" ACKLEY
Ministry of the Cookeville Pregnancy Clinic	Nancy Knowlton, director
*Pastoral Prayer	Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Adoration	"The Wonderful Cross" Watts/Tomlin/Reeves/Walt
WE HEAR GOD'S WORD	
Sermon	"God's Radical Means For Victory" Galatians 2:20-21
	Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Commitment	"Knowing You" Kendrick
WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING	
Offertory Prayer	Joe Church
Offertory Music	"This Is Our Freedom" Sanctuary Choir
	arr. Kirkland

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100th

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Responsive Call to Thanksgiving	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Holiness 2	"Holy, Holy, Holy" NICAEA
Invitation to the Table	Dr. Adkisson
Blessing and Sharing of the Bread	Steve Sharpe
Songs of Meditation	"Glorify Thy Name" Adkins
	"I Love You, Lord" Klein
Blessing and Sharing of the Cup	Jack Mattson
Songs of Meditation	"I Give You My Heart" Morgan
Prayer of Thanksgiving	"Change My Heart, O God" Espinoza
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions	Dr. Adkisson
WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE OUR GOD	
*Benediction	Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus	"As We Go" Johnson
*Postlude	Instrumentalists

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

A Word from Dr. Adkisson
I am 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

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
Tim Collins
Don Williams
Steve Sharpe

11 a.m. Phone Duty: Larry Taylor
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Carl Johnson

Wednesday Dinner - 01/19

Breakfast casserole, biscuit and gravy, muffins, fruit

Wednesday Volunteers - 01/19

5:00 p.m. - Barbara Clouse, Bob & Juanita Brown, Don Williams

5:45 p.m. - Debbie Bates, Arleda Hunter, Grace Renell, Kreg Vaughn

Extended Session - 01/16

Bed Babies - Amanda Miller, Brenda Spain

Creepers/Toddlers - Chris & Debbie Winningham

2's - Faye McCaleb, Molly Lovell

3's - Russell & Shelley Fredley

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$18,269.09
Difference from Goal	-\$10,469.56
Total Designated Gifts	\$1,157.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$19,426.09
Budget Goal to Date	\$804,682.31
Budget Gifts to Date	\$787,871.66
Difference from Goal	-\$16,810.65
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$803,807.13
Decrease from Prior Year	-\$15,935.47
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$28,815.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,794,109.23
Lottie Moon YTD	\$33,995.00
Sunday School Attendance	

January 9, 2010

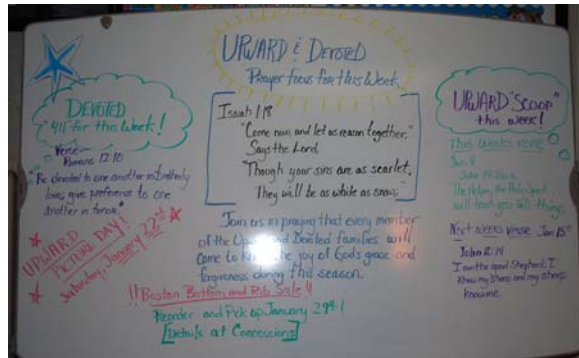
General Officers	4
Preschool	46
Children	54
Youth	41
Adults	290
Total	435

Upward and Devoted seasons underway

Colleen Cox
Recreation Coordinator

The Upward Basketball and Cheerleading and Devoted Basketball seasons tipped off Friday, January 8 and Saturday, January 9 with full slate of games. Games started Friday night at 5:30 p.m. with the last game starting at 8:30 p.m. On Saturday games began at 8:00 a.m. with kindergarten and the 5th-6th grade boys capped off the night with a game starting at 7:00 p.m. Five Devoted games were also played at Avery Trace on Saturday afternoon.

Despite the snow, the gym was packed with an estimated 1,700 people coming through the Family Life Center during the weekend. Each of those folks heard about the expectations of Upward and Devoted from members of the leadership team. Now each person that enters the gym on Friday night or Saturday has the opportunity to hear the gospel as volunteers give devotionals at halftime of each game.



Prayer board

The number of participants has soared this season with 405 children compiling 48 Upward Basketball teams and 11 cheer squads. Devoted Basketball has around 150 youth making up 17 teams. This growth has caused us to stretch beyond our gym to

fit in games. Devoted teams are playing at Avery Trace in addition to FBC.

Serving each of these children, youth and their families with excellence takes the work of many faithful volunteers who are willing to do "Whatever It Takes." These folks show Jesus' love as they help children grow spiritually and physically while teaching them about basketball and cheerleading.

Children grow spiritually through scripture learning and devotions at practice each week. Devoted players have weekly devotions at practice. Coaches provide sports instruction to each child while also investing spiritually in each child/youth. Coaches for both leagues were asked to sign a coaches covenant conveying this commitment. They were also given a cross to keep in their pocket to remind them of this commitment.

This season has brought a renewed focus on the prayer ministry. Prayer partners have been enlisted to pray for each of the teams and beyond that to send cards or come to practice or games. A prayer board, put together by prayer commissioner Deborah Baranowski, is designed to have folks stop and pray while waiting on their child's game. Bro. Randy gives Deborah a weekly prayer focus to put on the board and then the board is filled with weekly scripture verses and announcements. We still need a few prayer partners to cover each of our teams. If you are interested, see Deborah.

There are many other ways for you to show the love of Christ to these children and youth through this ministry. If you would like to be involved, contact me at 526-7108.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 26
6:30 p.m. in Chapel

Proposed procedures for conflict resolution among employees brought by the Deacon Relationship Committee (copies available for pickup today).

Bulletin Board

YOUTH

Youth January Bible Study

All youth and youth leaders are encouraged to be a part of our special January Bible study on the book of Galatians and God's grace. Youth will meet Sunday nights, January 16, 23 and 30 from 6:00-7:15 p.m. on the 4th floor. Come, bring your Bible and a friend as we look into God's word from Galatians. Snacks will be provided. See you Sunday night!

COUPLES

Five Love Languages Marriage Retreat

February 18-19

Pigeon Forge

Cost: \$95 per couple

Facilitators: Pam and Steve Farris

Limited to the first 12 couples that pay. Cost includes room with balcony overlooking the river and a fireplace, breakfast, book, workbooks, snacks and lunch on Saturday at the Ole Mill. See Pam Farris in the Central Lobby for more details.

PARENTS

Shepherding a Child's Heart Study

Beginning Wednesday, January 19

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Room 143

Wendy Apple will facilitate this study and be using the videos that go along with the book. 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.

MEN

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 a.m.

Steven Street Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Special Guest Speaker is James Walling. Cost is \$5 for you and a guest. The breakfast will end at approximately 7:50 a.m.

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 **TODAY**.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, January 16

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. S.S. Teachers Mtg/ lunch-FH
4:00 P.M. Handbells
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill Bible Buddies
6:00 P.M. January Bible Study - Chapel
Yth. Bible Study-4th Floor

Monday, January 17

10:00 A.M. Children Bowling
12:30 A.M. Yth Boardom Buster - 4th floor
5:30 P.M. WOM Bible Study-FH

Tuesday, January 18

8:45 A.M. MDO

Wednesday, January 19

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
Stewardship Mtg.
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir
Yth. Worship/Bible Study

Children's Missions
Parents Bible Study
Gym open until 8:00
8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, January 20

9:30 A.M. CBS
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones

Friday, January 21

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
5:30 P.M. Devoted Basketball

Saturday, January 22

8:00 A.M. Upward Basketball & Cheerleading

Sunday, January 23

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
Yth 5th Sunday Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Handbells
Orchestra Resumes
5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill Bible Buddies
6:00 P.M. January Bible Study - Chapel
Yth Bible Study-4th floor



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