



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart

Paul writes to the Ephesian church: "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience." (Eph. 5:6) And such is the warning that I would share with you concerning the new and controversial book by Rob Bell entitled *Love Wins*.

This popular pastor and author has taken upon himself the job of making Christianity more palatable to religious seekers by contorting scripture and logic to remove eternal punishment from the realm of God. Stating the truth that God's nature is one of divine love, Bell cannot fathom that a loving God would then allow anyone to be sentenced to hell. He seems to propose an eternal opportunity, whereby after death individuals will see their mistakes and at some uncertain point in eternal time choose to receive Christ.

The problem? He begins with untenable premises and leading questions to point the gullible in the wrong direction. Scripture is removed from context and piled up as proof texts to discount the truth of divine wrath against sin and rebellion. Revelation 21's open gates of heaven are visited and proposed as evidence that all can come in, but he neglects Revelation 19's 'lake of fire'.

Bell is illogical and unbiblical in his presentation. His interpretation of scripture and historical theology is terribly flawed. He paints a picture of God that is sweet and perhaps attractive to modern sensibilities, but in the end only creates a God in Bell's own image.

Two lessons: 1) Always read verses of the Bible in their context. Scripture is dangerous when twisted by the unscrupulous or even by well meaning people. 2) It is not our place to defend God or to make Him palatable. We do not have the wisdom or the right to do so. Our job is to understand what God says about Himself.

God is love. As we said on Easter, the proof of that love is found at the cross, where God took your sins upon Himself, paying the price of death. But God is also just. He allows everyone to make his or her own choice about salvation. His judgment and wrath against sin is also seen at the cross. If He did not spare His own Son who was bearing the sin of the world, what could convince anyone that He would (or could) spare one who rejects His offer of grace?

As unpalatable as it may be, the scripture is clear, hell is real and inhabited for eternity. God does not make the choice to send one there, but He will not deny you the choice to go there.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Hit the Trail! Live Radio Show

Presented by Music Makers and Young Musicians Choirs



Wednesday, May 25th
6:30 PM
Sanctuary

Mission Opportunities

VBS Workers

Grab a Cab for Vacation Bible School in the Big Apple June 20-24. Workers are needed in the following areas:

- ◆ Babies
- ◆ 5th grade teacher
- ◆ Children's craft helper

Youth who want to help please see Lou Ann Herberman, Jodi Evans or Ann Hertzfeldt.

Camp Counselors

July 11-15

Male chaperones are needed for Centri-KID during this week. You'll experience a great time as you and the kids draw closer to Jesus. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Cox or Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

5th Sunday Food Drive

We're asking every family to be part of our 5th Sunday Food Drive for the Care Center by bringing a bag of groceries to church on Sunday, May 29. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

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*



Worship/Childcare: 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

Call to Worship	Ruth 2:4	Dr. Jonathan Nelms
*Song of Praise	"Come, Now Is the Time To Worship"	DOERKSEN
*Responsive Reading	Palm 95:1-3	Dr. Nelms
*Hymn of Adoration 16	"O Worship the King"	LYONS
Welcome		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 334	"Blessed Assurance"	ASSURANCE
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture in Song	"This Is My Word"	Chopin
	Sanctuary Choir	
	Text based on Isaiah 55:10-12	
Sermon	"Building Personal Faith"	Dr. Adkisson
	Mark 6:52	
*Commitment Hymn 305	"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"	ASSAM

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

Offertory Prayer		Harold Garrett
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Music	"This Is My Father's World"	arr. Shipps
	FBC Orchestra	

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2011
10:00 A.M.
TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" ODE TO JOY
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

WE DEPART TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD

Focus on Media Ministry Mike Casey, Director of Media Ministries
Invitation to Children's Choir Musical, Wednesday, May 25, 2011
*Benediction Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus 334 "Blessed Assurance" chorus only
*Postlude Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Cleston Hunter given by Jo, Steve, Sheila and Staci Hunter.

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

Prelude		Instrumentalists
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Songs of Praise	"Better Is one Day"	Redman
	"You'll Come"	
	"Desert Song"	
	"Like Incense" with "Sometimes by Step"	
	Youth Praise Band	
	Jonathan Enix, director	
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Commitment Hymn 287	"Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord"	LANGLEY
Offertory Prayer		Howard Stephenson
Musical Offering	"Great Is Your Love"	arr. Allen
	Chi Rho Youth Choir with Christian Johnson, pianist	
Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Postlude		Instrumentalists
Youth Choir Mission Tour Meeting		Choir Room

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Harold Garrett - Chief Deacon
 Tim Collins
 Harold Williams
 Steve Sharpe
10:45 a.m. Phone Duty: Joe Church
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Richard Cashion

Wednesday Dinner - 05/25

Chicken casserole, green beans, salad, rolls, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 05/25

5:00 p.m. - Fran & Charlie Hutchinson, Damen Andrews, Jerry Joyner
5:45 p.m. - Ruth Ann Southerlan, Kreg Vaughn

Extended Session - 05/22

Babies 1 & 2 - Ralph & Paige Mills

2's - Russell & Shelley Fredley

3's - Doreen Cox, Margaret Atkins

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$34,265.93
Difference from Goal	+\$5,527.28
Total Designated Gifts	\$3,477.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$37,742.93
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,321,978.08
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,300,891.82
Difference from Goal	-\$21,086.26
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,289,067.77
Increase from Prior Year	\$11,824.05
HGT Year to Date	\$41,542.35
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,806,836.58
Annie Armstrong YTD	\$12,319.00

Sunday School Attendance

May 15, 2011

General Officers	3
Preschool	37
Children	61
Youth	44
Adults	305
Total	450



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Media Ministry at FBC

First Baptist Church proclaims the gospel throughout the Upper Cumberland Region of Middle Tennessee every week with the broadcast of our Sunday morning and Sunday night services on Local Cable Channel 7. First Baptist has a rich heritage of television outreach. Even before the arrival of cable TV, our church was broadcasting on radio throughout Putnam County.



For many this is the only contact they have with our church. One of the most important jobs of our churches' media ministry team is to see that this opportunity for outreach is not wasted. Viewers regularly express their appreciation for this dynamic ministry. In addition to keeping homebound members of First Baptist connected to the church community, the weekly broadcasts are an excellent means of outreach and ministry to the general public.

It takes nine members of the Media Ministry Team to serve during each Sunday service. Six serve in the sanctuary and three serve in the control room. In some ways it sounds more like a job than a ministry opportunity. Yet many of our diligent members have served the Kingdom in this way for decades.

Our team's role in worship is to facilitate the service for others and allow them to focus on God and not the details. We do this as a part of our worship of God. He has gifted us with unique talents that center on technology. It is our place within the body to help facilitate in this way. Have you ever thought whether or not God needs you to serve? I am not only talking about serving in the Media Ministry, because God has given each of us unique gifts. What are the gifts God has given you? How are you giving back to God by serving with those gifts? Are you using them to glorify God? Are you asking yourself tough questions like: *What is God doing in my life? How is He calling me to be more like Him? What do I need to repent of?*

As you ponder these questions, consider also the grace that God has given you in your life to date and then do what God is telling you to do. How are you going to respond?

Celebrate America with Celebrators™ & Former President George W. Bush

The Happy Travelers will attend Celebrate America with Celebrators™ and Former President George W. Bush October 24-27 in blazing color in Sevierville, Tennessee as thousands of American Christians gather to praise and worship our great God who created it all!

The cost per person (2 in a room) is \$229, which includes lodging at Hampton Inn and the conference fee. The conference schedule is as follows.

Monday, October 24: Conference opens 6:00 p.m. with David Jeremiah

and Charles Billingsley
Tuesday, October 25: David Jeremiah/Charles Billingsley, and The Hoppers until noon. At 7:00 p.m. Ken Davis entertains with inspiration and laughter and Larnelle Harris will entertain with his tenor voice...too awesome!

Wednesday, October 26: David Jeremiah/ Charles Billingsley and the evening program is a Patriotic Service with our former President

George W. Bush.

Thursday, October 27: David Jeremiah/ Charles Billingsley.

The fee of \$229 is due by August 28.



Bulletin Board



GRADUATES

College Graduate Information

FBC family, if you or your child have graduated from College/University in 2011 please let the church office know so that we can recognize you in an upcoming edition of the Tidings and I Chronicles. Please give us your name, degree earned, and from what institution.

CHILDREN

TeamKID

For 3 year olds-6th grade Wednesdays, beginning June 1 6:00-7:30 p.m. in FLC
 Come enjoy this fun, high-energy ministry. Kids will learn life lessons through Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation.



CHILDREN

Terrific Tuesday

June 7
 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Gilley Pool in McMinnville
 Children 3rd grade and below must have a parent with them. Cost is \$4. Bring your lunch or bring money to buy lunch at the snack bar. Sign up by Sunday, June 5. In case of rain, we will watch a movie and have activities at the church.



55+

55+ Annual Picnic

Saturday, June 11
 11:30 a.m.
 Mullins Farm
 Please bring your lawn chairs and join us. For reservations please call the church office by Friday, June 3. Directions to Mullins Farm: Take East Broad to Dry Valley Road, cross Dry Valley Road, East Broad becomes Buck Mountain Road, go 0.6 of a mile and turn right on Buck Lake Road, go through gate and you are there.



HAPPY TRAVELERS

Trip to Shaker Village

June 27-28
 We will be staying at The Inn at Shaker Village in Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, taking a guided tour of the village and riding on a riverboat down the scenic Kentucky River. Dinner, breakfast and lodging included. Connie Hawkins is taking names and will require a \$50 deposit at sign up and the balance will be due on June 12. Total cost for the trip is \$120 per person with two to a room.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, May 22

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:15 P.M. Contact Ministry Luncheon
 3:00 P.M. Orchestra
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. YAC & Yth. Choir

Monday, May 23

6:00 P.M. FBC Men's Softball @ Jere Whitson
 7:00 P.M. FBC Co-ed Softball @ Cane Creek
 FBC Men's Softball @ Jere Whitson

Tuesday, May 24

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble

Wednesday, May 25

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
 3:30 P.M. Study Hall
 5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
 Children's Choirs
 Chi Rho Yth Choir
 Youth on Mission
 6:30 P.M. Children's Musical
 7:30 P.M. Gym open until 8:00
 8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, May 26

1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Friday, May 27

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Saturday, May 28

Sunday, May 29

8:30 A.M. Yth. 5th Sunday Breakfast
 8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:00 P.M. Family Night
 NO Evening Worship

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