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FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



This is it. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is here! This week hundreds of children and volunteers will be involved daily in VBS @ FBC. If you are one of those volunteers, let me say that you are the best, the brightest, and the bravest of God's servants. Thank you from the heart of God.

I can give you God's thanks because God's word reveals the special place that children hold in the heart of the Father. Those who are servants focused upon the salvation of children are held in the highest esteem. "Jesus loves the little children," isn't just a song, it is the word of the Lord.

If you are not volunteering in VBS this week, then join in the work of God through your prayers. Take time every day to pray for the workers, the children, and your staff.

As always, we will be sharing the gospel with children and their families all week at VBS. But on Thursday there will be a very special time of sharing the gospel during the morning's joint session. Make sure you lift that time and that presentation to the throne of God.

Arizona was hot, over 100 degrees each day I was visiting. The convention was focused upon evangelism through missions, both home and abroad. I would rate it an excellent convention though not highly attended.

One of the highlights of the week was being able to attend a small gathering of volunteer mission leaders known as the Fellowship of Baptist World Ministries. This is a breakfast meeting held on Monday of Convention week that has as its highlight an address by the President of the International Mission Board. This year the new president, Tom Elliff, addressed the group.

I attended the meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Commission with its president, Rodney Cavett. First Baptist Cookeville really is far more involved in the heartbeat of global missions than many in our fellowship realize. I am thankful for our participation and our opportunities.

Remember to plan for the Fourth of July Weekend service to be held in Dogwood Park on Sunday morning, July 3rd.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

VBS Prayer Calendar

Please pray for the children, youth, parents, and volunteers participating in VBS this week. Use these suggestions to guide you.

Day 1: Pray that kids will clearly hear the message about Christ this week. Pray for Bible study leaders to effectively communicate Bible truths to the children they teach.

Day 2: Pray that kids learn that we are to love others as Christ loves us. Ask God to help everyone involved in VBS to do everything with love.

Day 3: Thank God for loving the world so much that He sent His only son to die for us. Pray for those working in VBS to be steadfast and excel in the Lord's work.

Day 4: Pray for children as they hear the gospel today. Ask God to make the seeds that are planted grow. Pray that the Family Night service provides a witnessing opportunity for the parents and the community.

Day 5: Pray that kids will have the courage to tell others about Him.



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 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*.

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| Greeting | Ruth 2:4 | Dr. Jonathan Nelms |
| *Hymn of Adoration 247 "Come, Thou Almighty King" | ITALIAN HYMN | |
| *Responsive Reading | Psalms 24:7-10 | |
| Song of Praise | "Sing to the King" | Foote/Horne |
| Anthem of Praise | "Worthy to Be Praised" | Smith |
| Sanctuary and Chi Rho Choirs | | |
| Welcome | Dr. Randall Adkisson | |
| *Fellowship Hymn 514 "When We All Get to Heaven" | HEAVEN | |
| *Pastoral Prayer | Dr. Adkisson | |
| Song of Preparation | "Ancient Words" | DeShazo |
| Sermon | "Three Words on Father's Day" Mark 9:7, 24, and 35 | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Commitment Hymn 476 "Be Strong in the Lord" | STRENGTH | |
| Offertory Prayer | Ted Jernigan | |
| Offertory Music | | |
| *Presentation of Offering | | |
| *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" | ODE TO JOY | |
| Sharing of Spiritual Decisions | | |
| *Benediction | Dr. Adkisson | |
| *Departing Chorus 657 "Go Out and Tell" | PLANO | |
| *Postlude | Instrumentalists | |

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

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| Prelude | | Instrumentalists |
| Welcome | | Dr. Randall Adkisson |
| *Scripture Reading of Psalm 141:1-2 | | |
| *Song of Praise | "Holy Is the Lord" | Tomlin/Giglio |
| *Scripture Reading from Psalm 136 | | |
| *Song of Praise | "Forever" | Tomlin |
| Sermon | | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Song of Commitment "Give Us Clean Hands" | | Hall |
| Offertory Prayer | | Farrell Cox |
| Musical Offering "Come, Share the Lord" | | DIVERNON |
| *Presentation of Offering | | |
| *Doxology "Lord, We Bring Our Gifts to Praise Thee" | | HYMN TO JOY |
| Invitation to the Table | | Dr. Adkisson |
| Blessing and Sharing of the Bread | | Bronn Rayne |
| Songs of Meditation "One Bread, One Body" | | Foley |
| Blessing and Sharing of the Cup | | Randall Ramsey |
| Songs of Meditation "We Behold You" | | Hart |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | Dr. Adkisson |
| *Sharing Spiritual Decisions | | |
| *Closing Chorus 387 "Blest Be the Tie" | | DENNIS |
| *Postlude | | Instrumentalists |

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*Church Plant Forum - Information Meeting
Tonight - 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel*

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
Wednesday, June 29
6:30 P.M. in the Chapel
This meeting is to consider extending the current budget through Sept. 30 to give all committees time to work out all details of the new church plant.

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*

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon
 Carl Johnson
 Howard Stephenson
 Jack Mattson

10:45 a.m. Phone Duty: Farrell Cox
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Chris Wilson

Wednesday Dinner - 06/22

NO MEAL - Join us for a hot dog supper on Thursday for VBS Family Night.

Extended Session - 06/19

Babies 1 - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt
 Babies 2 - Chris & Tara Masters
 2's - Lisa Bernstein, Dorothy Anderson
 3's - Notie & Bobby Moser

Stewardship Verse

We should always be prepared to give to the needs of others, especially as prompted by the Holy Spirit

"But whoever has the world's goods, and beholds his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17)

Budget

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Budget Goal per Week | \$28,738.65 |
| Budget Gifts this Week | \$21,995.32 |
| Difference from Goal | -\$6,743.33 |
| Total Designated Gifts | \$978.00 |
| Total Gifts this Week | \$22,973.32 |
| Budget Goal to Date | \$1,436,932.69 |
| Budget Gifts to Date | \$1,395,480.88 |
| Difference from Goal | -\$41,451.81 |
| Budget Gifts to Date Last Year | \$1,400,213.86 |
| Decrease from Prior Year | \$4,732.98 |
| HGT Year to Date | \$43,312.35 |
| Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts | \$2,808,606.58 |
| HGT Remaining Debt | \$744,768.00 |

Sunday School Attendance

June 12, 2011

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| General Officers | 2 |
| Preschool | 42 |
| Children | 53 |
| Youth | 40 |
| Adults | 281 |
| Total | 418 |



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God's work in St. Lucia

By Steve Farris
 Assistant Pastor for Outreach and Missions

St Lucia features beautiful hills (small mountains), rainforest, gorgeous flowers, pristine beaches, cool clear aqua ocean and friendly and receptive people. But, if I could use only one word to describe it, it would be hot! Sometimes people may think a mission trip to the Caribbean is just like a fun vacation. You can ask anyone on this year's team or previous International Commission trips and you will find out it's hard work.



While this year's trip offered some real challenges with communication, organization and facilities, God did awesome things! We were able to minister in four primary schools and five high schools. Our True Love Waits team shared the importance of being sexually pure until marriage and also shared the gospel. In the primary schools, Gordon Vasseur shared some balloon and rope tricks and then we shared the gospel. The response to the gospel was great! Many young people publicly stood and committed their

lives to Christ. It was great to be able to minister in the schools where they have morning prayers and devotions and many of them are already believers. As we took the gospel to the streets and to neighborhoods where people that the church had been praying for lived, we saw 197 people make professions of faith through personal one-on-one evangelism in the community. Around 30 made professions of faith at the church services and there were three decisions from the three eye glass clinics that were done. The most impressive thing that God did was draw 275 people that the church had been praying for to him during the special service of the ten before our team arrived.

Last year when we were there preparing for the trip, the Faith Baptist Church averaged 150-200 in attendance on Sunday. The first Sunday we were there this year the church was filled and people were standing on the porch and at the side doors and some left because they couldn't get in. The last Sunday we were there we rented a tent to help with the overflow and sure enough over 500 people came! Even the Wednesday evening service there was a full house and 40% of those were visitors we had witnessed to during the week. We saw the scripture "go and compel them to come" come alive. Pray for the church and the enormous follow-up work that is before them.

We were blessed by the brothers and sisters from Barbados and Antigua. Already plans are underway for a national project in Antigua directed by Courtney Street, one of our IMB missionaries, next year. FBC will also have opportunities in South India November 3-15 this year and North India May of next year. How about you? Again thank you for your prayers and support!!!

Youth VBS Schedule

| Date | Topic | Teacher | Location |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Mon., June 20 7:00-9:00 p.m. | "Faith & Healing" | Keith & Kim Emrich | Sallie & Gray Forrester's 824 N Washington Ave. |
| Tues., June 21 7:00-9:00 p.m. | "Forgiveness & Love" | David Lane | A.J. & Anna Cochrane's 536 Loweland |
| Wed., June 22 7:00-9:00 p.m. | "Belief & Salvation" | Kevin & Sharon Cochrane | B.J. & Tucker Wood's* 7742 Fairview Rd. |
| Thur., June 23 7:00-9:00 p.m. | "Everyday & Eternal" | Jonathan Enix | Hall's 4272 Cedar Springs Dr. |
| Fri., June 24 7:00-9:00 p.m. | "Life & Obedience" | Jacob & Sandy Ramsaur | Kinser's 4370 S Bunker Hill Rd. |

* swimming available

Bulletin Board

VBS

VBS Family Night

Thursday, June 23 - 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 Enjoy a hot dog supper at 5:30. Then experience a worship rally, visit classrooms and play games!
No Wednesday night activities.



CHILDREN

Terrific Tuesday

June 28
 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Chuckles Family Fun Center in Crossville
 Enjoy miniature golf, laser tag, go-karts and/or arcade. The cost ranges from \$11-20 and includes two slices of pizza, unlimited drink and a \$5 arcade card.



YOUTH

Movie Day

Thursday, June 30
 1:00-3:00
 Come meet at FBC and enjoy a movie in the Youth Department or at Carmike Cinema (if a good movie is playing there). More details coming later in June.



CHURCHWIDE

Service & Picnic at Dogwood Park

Sunday, July 3 - 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School at regular time.
 We'll have a great service and time of fellowship at Dogwood Park. Enjoy special music during this patriotic service and lunch afterwards. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.



CHILDREN

Terrific Tuesday

Tuesday, July 5
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 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, July 3.



YOUTH

Fast Lane Fun Park

Thursday, July 7
 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 Youth meet there. Come enjoy your choice(s) of go carts, climbing structures, miniature golf, water cages and more. The cost ranges from \$6-\$20 depending on activities.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, June 19

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:30 A.M. VBS Outreach
 5:00 P.M. Yth VBS Training
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. New Church Mission Mtg. - Chapel

Monday, June 20

9:00 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 6:00 P.M. Co-ed softball @ Cane Creek
 7:00 P.M. Yth VBS-Forrester's

Tuesday, June 21

9:00 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS - Cochrane's

Wednesday, June 22

9:00 A.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS - Wood's
 8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, June 23

9:00 P.M. VBS
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 6:00 P.M. VBS Family Night
 7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS - Hall's

Friday, June 24

9:00 A.M. VBS
 9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
 1:00 P.M. Open Gym
 7:00 P.M. Yth. VBS - Kinser's

Saturday, June 25

Sunday, June 26

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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

Facebook

Did you know First Baptist has a Facebook page? Check it out at www.facebook.com/firstbaptistcookeville. Like the page and keep up with all the activities going on this summer. Plus see pictures of last year's VBS and the Chi Rho Choir Tour.