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Pastor's Heart



Change is one of those things that we profess not to like, but we really do. No one wants to eat the same meal three times a day for 52 weeks. Yuck! No one wants to wear the same clothes every day. No one wants to see one season all year long. Even Spring would become boring without the Winter and Fall.

So change is necessary, even good.

Obviously First Baptist is going through some changes in our ministerial staff. With a change of such a long tenured member of our team, we will also see some changes in programming and style. At first that will be awkward feeling, but I am convinced that God will use it for good (Rom. 8:28).

There will be different and even varied personnel on the stage each Sunday Morning. For a while, we will be dealing with guest worship leaders, and then probably an interim Minister of Music. We will see more of you on the podium as well: leading in prayers and scripture reading and testimonies.

What will not change will be our commitment to *encouraging*, authentic worship, designed to help us toward a weekly *encounter* with Almighty God. What will not change will be our focus on providing excellence in music training for our children and youth. What will not change will be the excellence in worship leadership that our adult music volunteers bring to us each Sunday morning.

What must change? Well, if we are to be all that God desires us to be, one major change must be the willingness and practice of every individual in our church family to become *engaged* in the work of the ministry and missions.

This is a good time to evaluate *your involvement*. Make it a habit to look around and see what *God wants you to do*. If you notice a need, the Holy Spirit is likely prompting you to become involved in practical ministry.

A church is only as strong as its ministers - not its ministerial staff - its ministers. Who are the ministers of the church?

Well God answers that question squarely: "And [Jesus] gave some ... some as pastors and teachers, *for the equipping of the saints for the work of service*, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-13)

Who are the ministers? The saints. And who are the saints? YOU ARE! YOU SAINT YOU!

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Quarterly Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 20 @ 6:30 p.m. - Chapel
Copies of the *Partner Church Covenant*
are available in the lobby.

Mission Opportunities

Opportunities for Service with Children

Consider being a faithful servant of God teaching our precious children. Teachers are needed in the following areas.

- Creeper/Toddlers
- 1st grade Sunday School
- 5th grade Sunday School (2)
- 6th grade Sunday School
- Girls in Action (2)
- Children's choir leaders
- Mission Friends Workers

See Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

Women on Mission

All ladies are invited to a WOM informational meeting on Sunday, July 30. We will meet at 4:30 p.m. in room 175. Please join us as we begin to prepare for a new year of Bible study, missions and fellowship.

Exercise Bike

If you have an extra exercise bike or one in good condition you would like to donate to the Family Life Center, please contact the church office.

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*.

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2011

10:00 A.M.

TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Prelude Instrumentalists
Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Hymn of Fellowship 425 "He Keeps Me Singing" SWEETEST NAME

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 104

*Hymn of Praise 44 "For the Beauty of the Earth" DIX

*Chorus of Adoration "I Worship You" Corbett

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Hymn of Assurance "United Hymn" Rice

Sermon "Focus On Your Purpose" Dr. Adkisson
Mark 13:33-35

*Commitment Hymn 502 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" SCOTT

Offertory Prayer Harold Garrett

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

*Presentation of Offering

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

Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

*Benediction

*Departing Chorus 657 "Go Out and Tell"

*Postlude

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

Prelude Instrumentalists

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Song of Praise "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" Founds

*Song of Adoration "O Worship the King" Tomlin

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:28-31

Song of Assurance "Everlasting God" Brown/Riley

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 134 "Jesus Paid It All" ALL TO CHRIST

Offertory Prayer Carl Johnson

Musical Offering

Sharing Spiritual Decisions

Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Jim Vlar - Chief Deacon
Richard Newman
Wade Raines
John Zhu
10:45 a.m. Phone Duty: Larry Taylor
7:00 p.m. Phone Duty: Carl Johnson

Wednesday Dinner - 07/13

Cajun Chicken Pasta, Salad,
Strawberry Shortcake

Extended Session - 07/17

Babies 1 - Amanda Miller, Brenda Spain
Babies 2 - Chris & Debbie Wingham
2's - Faye McCaleb, Amanda Caudle
3's - Mike & Kelli Isabell

Facebook

Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/firstbaptistcookeville. Like the page and keep up with all the activities going on this summer.

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$37,498.70
Difference from Goal	\$8,760.05
Total Designated Gifts	\$890.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$38,388.70
Budget Goal to Date	\$57,477.31
Budget Gifts to Date	\$60,064.41
Difference from Goal	\$2,587.10
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$54,402.81
Increase from Prior Year	\$5,661.60
HGT Year to Date	\$929.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,811,090.58

Stewardship Verse

We are to give to those who minister to us, with our church being a priority. "So also the Lord directed those who proclaim the gospel to get their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)

BIG APPLE ADVENTURE

VBS was a blast this year as we traveled to New York City on a *Big Apple Adventure* - Where Faith and Life Connect. During our Adventure we learned that not only does God know each person, His greatest desire is to connect each person with His son Jesus Christ. We heard about people in the Bible who stepped out in faith and connected with Jesus Christ and how we too can step out and begin a relationship with Jesus as Lord and Savior. We also learned that living a life of faith means sharing the message of Christ with our world.



We had 209 children enrolled for our Big Apple Adventure with 132 youth and adults working with them. On Thursday morning Bro. Randy shared the evangeube with our children in grades 1 - 6 and 10 children made decisions for Christ. We also have 15 Sunday School prospects that we will be contacting.



Thursday night was Family Night with a hot dog supper and worship rally. Bro. Steve shared the gospel in a New York minute (4 min., 30 sec.) and our music rotations shared some of their songs.



This year's VBS mission offering was divided between Bible camp in India and the Calvary Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa, AL. We collected \$1,010.83 to share with these churches. Thanks to our children's gifts, 401 Indian children have made professions of faith thus far. Our preschool group (babies - kindergarten) had the largest amount given and were treated to a popsicle on Friday.

If you weren't a part of this year's VBS, you missed a huge blessing. Plan on being a part of this ministry next year - June 18 - 23, 2012.



VBS Children in India



ON MISSION TO TROOPER ISLAND

Last Wednesday Steve Farris and some of our young men from FBC had the privilege to travel to Trooper Island in KY. Trooper Island is a camp for underprivileged children. The KY State Police volunteer as counselors and work alongside the regular and junior counselors. On Wed. night they have a chapel service. James Hammons and Christian Johnson led in a great worship time and Wesley Woodard shared the evangeube with the 110 persons attending. When the invitation was given, 11 kids, two junior counselors and one trooper prayed to receive the Lord! It is awesome to see God working through our young people.



Bulletin Board

CHILDREN

Terrific Tuesday

July 19

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Minister's Tree House in Crossville

Come explore this massive tree house and then eat lunch in Crossville.



YOUTH

Nashville Shores Waterpark

Thursday, July 21

9:00 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Don't miss a fun day at an awesome waterpark.

Cost is \$20 plus money for lunch/supper.



Y.A.C./Back to School Party

July 24

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy fun, food and fellowship. We will have a time of prayer over all youth/teachers as they begin a new school year filled with opportunities.



Happy Travelers

Monday, August 8

Join us for a tour of **FALLS MILL GRIST MILL** in Belvidere, TN and have lunch at **Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House & Restaurant** in Lynchburg, TN.

Cost: \$25 per person and money is due by July 24th. Call Connie Hawkins at 261-0861 to reserve a spot.



SUPPORT GROUP

GRIEFSHARE

YOUR JOURNEY FROM MOURNING TO JOY

Sessions for adults will begin

Tuesday, August 2, 2011 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Room # 177 - Debbie Bates - Facilitator

For more information - Call 931-526-7108 or email

chutchinson@fbccookeville.org or

debbiekentbates58@hotmail.com



Missions

Children's Missions Leaders

Planning/informational meeting

Wednesday, July 20th

5:45 - 6:30 p.m. - Room 325

This meeting is for all individuals who currently work with the RA's, GA's or Mission Friends AND anyone who might be interested in helping with these programs. If you have any questions, please contact Ted or Carolyn Jernigan at 526-5362 or Ann Hertzfeldt at the church office.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, July 17

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:15 A.M. Church Council
Lunch Meeting
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, July 18

1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Tuesday, July 19

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:00 A.M. Kids to Crossville
Tree House
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Wednesday, July 20

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
5:00 P.M. Presch/Child Choir
Planning
5:30 P.M. Stewardship Mtg.
6:00 P.M. Team Kid
6:30 P.M. Quarterly Business
Mtg.
8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, July 21

9:00 P.M. Youth to Nashville
Shores
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Friday, July 22

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. Open Gym

Saturday, July 23

Sunday, July 24

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
7:00 P.M. Yth Back to School
Party

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

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