



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart



Focus: it is the key to good photography. Focus: it is the key to navigating changing times. The people of Israel had a hard time learning that lesson. That is why when you remember them, your main picture of them is centered in the wilderness.

Wilderness is what happens when we focus on our circumstances instead of upon God. Circumstances are temporary. God is eternal. Circumstances change. God never changes. Circumstances are perception based. God is reality.

So where is your focus? Is it upon your circumstances or upon your God (or perhaps your circumstances have become your "god": an idol that consumes your thoughts, conversation, and prayers). **Circumstances may refine us. They should not define us.**

Speaking of circumstances: many of you have shown such wonderful interest in the potential call of Mathieu and Lynsey to Michigan. Mathieu did receive an affirmative vote from the congregation there last week. He and Lynsey plan to move to Jackson, Michigan at the end of August to begin ministry there.

Thank you for your prayers on their behalf. God is gracious to call them to service in the Kingdom. I am so thankful for their desire to follow Him wherever He might lead.

ENCOUNTER, ENCOURAGE, ENGAGE: It's not just a slogan. It's a plan and a purpose. Make it your aim to *encounter* God or, perhaps more accurately, to be encountered by Him. Make it your aim to be involved in growing discipleship, as you are *encouraged* to walk faithfully in Christ. Be *engaged*: God has gifted you for ministry and you will not know the fullness of His joy until you are using your gifts in ministry and mission.

Last week I used the phrase: *there is a need for all of us to minister to each other, knowing that some of us are really struggling.* It's still true. Find someone today and spend a moment encouraging them, praying with them, simply showing the love of Jesus to them.

Your words are *not* magical, but they are powerful. Make sure you use them wisely to build up the beautiful bride of Christ, His church.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy



Mission Opportunities

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 TODAY. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church.

Man in the Mirror

Study begins Sunday, August 7
Tom Timmerman will facilitate this study.

Women on Mission

All ladies are invited to a WOM informational meeting on Sunday, July 31. 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.

Opportunities for Service with Children

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

- 6th grade Sunday School
 - Mission Friends
- See Ann Hertzfeldt to become a part of God's service to our children.

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 31, 2011 10:00 A.M. TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Prelude Instrumentalists

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

*Gathering Chorus "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" Doertksen

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 100 Steve and Rene' Canfield

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

*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Hymn of Testimony 187 "In the Garden" Miles

Sermon "Forgiving: A Key to Prayer and to Life" Dr. Adkisson
Mark 11:25

*Hymn of Commitment 273 "Freely, Freely" Owens

Offertory Prayer Steve Sharpe

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music

"It is Well"
Kaye Stringer, pianist

arr. Stringer

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

*Closing Prayer of Dedication for Sunday School Teachers Dr. Adkisson

*Departing Chorus 657 "Go Out and Tell" PLANO

*Postlude

Instrumentalists

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

No Evening Service

You are invited to a reception for

Jonathan, Glenda, Nathan, and John Philip Nelms

Tonight from 6:00—7:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

Please bring your finger foods to the fellowship hall by 5:45 PM.

A basket will be available for cards and gifts.

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Richard Cashion - Chief Deacon
 Carl Johnson
 Howard Stephenson
 Farrell Cox
 10:45 a.m. Phone Duty: Jack Mattson

Wednesday Dinner - 08/03

Hamburgers, hot dogs, beans, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 08/03

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

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

Extended Session - 07/31

Babies 1 - Fred & Amy Ray

Babies 2 - David & Pat Mullinax

2's - Dana Griggs, Molly Lovell

3's - Lisa Barrett, Pat Chancy

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$22,563.04
Difference from Goal	-\$6,175.61
Total Designated Gifts	\$665.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$23,228.54
Budget Goal to Date	\$114,954.62
Budget Gifts to Date	\$109,925.46
Difference from Goal	-\$5,029.16
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$98,316.07
Increase from Prior Year	\$11,609.39
HGT Year to Date	\$3,597.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,813,758.58

Sunday School Attendance

July 24, 2011

General Officers	2
Preschool	51
Children	54
Youth	32
Adults	319
Total	458

Royal Ambassadors – Game On!

We, the community of believers at First Baptist have the opportunity to **HELP** the Royal Ambassadors, boys in grades 1-6 this year. We can be **PRAYER PARTNERS** to the boys as individuals; we can be **MENTORS**; we can be a **Chaperone** on an outing.

August 3: Registration



August 10: First Meeting in Room 325, we need men to help the teachers.

August 17 & 24: We can help the boys put together their **RA racing cars** in the yard between the FLC and playground with your tools, your sandpaper, your drills and conversation in preparation for the RACE in the FLC on

August 31. You can even participate if you want in the **OPEN RACE** on August 31 with your own designed car, according to the rules set by Royal Ambassadors. Kits are available in Room 325 for a cost of \$8.00 per kit for the adults.

August 31: RA RACE in FLC at 6 PM - Royal Ambassadors and OPEN race Set up starts at 5:00 p.m.

All activities resume August 10

Preschool and Children's Choirs and Chi Rho Youth Choir will begin on Wednesday, August 10 at 5:00 pm. Children who are at least 3 years old by September 30 may enroll in preschool and children's choir. Youth in 7th-12th grade may participate in the youth choir.

Youth on Mission will also meet at 5:00 p.m. on August 10. The children's mission groups will start on Wednesday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. with Mission Friends for four and five year olds, Royal Ambassadors for boys in 1st-6th grade and Girls in Action for girls in 1st-6th grade.

The following are the choirs and their leaders for this upcoming year.

- Music Time (ages 3- Kdg) Room 252 - Director: Bedelia Russell
- Music Makers (Grades 1-3) Room 329 - Director: Sharon Cochrane
- Young Musicians (Grades 4-6) Room 316 - Directors: Niesha Hibbs and John Apple

Youth Praise/Worship/Bible Study is on the 4th floor from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth may also participate in Luminesce (drama/puppetry) at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday beginning August 10.

Join us for the

Back to School Bash

Wednesday, August 3
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Eat supper at 5:00 p.m. **Reservations are required.** Sign up for choirs, choirchimes, mission activities and/or Bible Drill. Enjoy water games, bounce house & other activities in the parking lot along with snacks. Watermelon will be served for everyone at 6:00 p.m. outside. **There won't be prayer meeting as adults are encouraged to help with children's activities.**

Bulletin Board



SUPPORT GROUP

Griefshare

Your Journey from Mourning to Joy

Sessions for adults will begin Tuesday, August 2 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Room 177

Debbie Bates will facilitate. For more information call 526-7108 or email chutchinson@fbccookeville.org or debbiekentbates58@hotmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study - Revelation

Join us for a Bible study of the book of Revelation using Community Bible Study material. The first meeting is Monday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 177. The study is 30 weeks and each weekly meeting is one hour. Call Jim Mitchell with any questions at 525-3980.



YOUTH

Youth Trip to Chattanooga

Saturday, August 13 from 8:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a day of fun and beautiful nature as we experience Ruby Falls, Rock City and the Incline Railway at Lookout Mountain in Chattanooga. Cost is \$25 plus two meals. Sign up by Wednesday, Aug. 10.



CHILDREN

Second Sunday Celebration

Sunday, August 14

10:00 a.m.

Chapel

Children in 1st-6th grade will meet together for a special time of worship. Neisha Hibbs will lead the music and Bro. Steve Farris will present the message.



YOUTH

Youth Lunch/Outreach

Sunday, August 14

11:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.

All youth and leaders are needed to make one visit to prospects and inactive youth. We'll meet in the Café area.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, July 31

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:30 P.M. WMU Mtg. #175
 6:00 P.M. Reception for the Nelms Family

Monday, Aug. 1

5:45 P.M. Deacon's Mtg.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:00 A.M. Grief Share #177
 9:45 A.M. WOM Day Group

Wednesday, Aug. 3

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
 5:30 P.M. Back to School Bash
 6:30 P.M. Yth Worship/Bible Study
 8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, Aug. 4

Friday, Aug. 5

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

Saturday, Aug. 6

Sunday, Aug. 7

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 Yth Breakfast-promotion Sunday
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. Yth. Leaders Mtg.

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

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Ordination Council

All ordained men are invited to an ordination council into the gospel ministry for Mathieu Barry on Monday night at 6:15 p.m. during deacon's meeting.

Facebook

Check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/firstbaptistcookeville. Like the page and keep up with all the upcoming activities as we get ready for a new school year. Plus you'll find pictures from Vacation Bible School, Centri-KID and other things from this summer.