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FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



September 11, 2011 was a bitter sweet experience. The memory of the horrible events of 10 years ago brought tears to my eyes and aching to my heart. Yet your response in worship on Sunday morning and the wonderful time of concerted prayer for missions on Sunday evening were honoring to God and sweet to the soul.

There is a new sense of grace and freshness in our midst. Certainly you sense it as do I. I am so thankful as I see the Lord working in our midst both in celebration and through difficulties. He is obviously stirring our souls and changing our perspectives. I pray this is a prelude to great revival.

I am thankful to see you stepping up with renewed commitment to places of service in ministry. I am thankful to see the obvious power of God working in our midst bringing conviction, renewal, and power.

Our Wednesday night prayer service was full of power and grace this week. Steve shared with our congregation the struggle that he and Pam are facing. Such struggles are no less daunting even when they are of our own making. The outpouring of God's grace through your support was a blessing to experience.

I am convinced that the issues of our lives must be transformed into the ministries of our calling. Paul says as much to the Corinthian church. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction **so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.** (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)

Now look around and find the place where you can become engaged in ministry and mission. Find your fulfillment in allowing God to work through you. Even a sponge becomes sour if it only soaks and sits. It may squeeze you a bit to get involved, but it is the only true way of blessing.

This morning we begin a new series of messages from one of the most practical portions of God's word, Proverbs 3. The series entitled **Life Keys** will unlock God's power and blessing in your life. I pray you will plan to partake of every session. Tell someone what God is doing in our midst! Invite someone to join you in worship! Bring someone with you next week.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, October 2
during morning service
This is for the purpose of electing new deacons.

Mission Opportunities

Celebrate Recovery

This study deals with all types of addictions and temptations. It will start Monday, October 3 at 6 p.m. in Room 143. The cost is \$30 per person. Space is limited. Sign up and pay in the church office.

I'm A Christian Now

This four-week class will begin Sunday, October 15. This class helps children understand what it means to be a Christian, the importance of baptism and the Lord's supper, their role as a church member and getting started in daily Bible study and prayer. Call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108 to sign up.

Adult Grief Recovery

Loss of Spouse, Child, Parents, Grandparents, Aunt, Uncle, Friends

Tuesdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 177

CPC

The CPC is in great need of baby wipes and disposable diapers in sizes 3, 4 and 5. These items may be brought to the church office.

Church staff
Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D., *Senior Pastor*
Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*
Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiate*
Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children*



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 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
10:00 A.M.
TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Greeting Ruth 2:4 Todd Arnold

Hymn of Testimony 334 Crosby

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Hymn of Praise 202 CORONATION

*Responsive Reading from Psalm 37 Frank and Carol Tittle

*Praise Chorus Beaker

Message in Song Johnson

Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson

Chorus of Assurance DeSHAZO

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 281 HOLCOMB

Offertory Prayer Chris Wilson

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music Kaye Ryon and Todd Arnold, pianist arr. Sharp

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology 253 OLD 100TH

Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Departing Chorus 648 Forbis

*Postlude Instrumentalists

Hymn of Testimony 448 SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM TELEVISION REPLAY AT 7:00 P.M. CLOSER WALK

Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson

*Song of Praise Zscheck

*Scripture Reading from Phillipians 4

*Song of Adoration Tomlin/Giglio

Sermon Dr. Adkisson

*Hymn of Commitment 450 Lowry/Hawks

Offertory Prayer Howard Stephenson

Musical Offering Smith

*Sharing Spiritual Decisions

Benediction Dr. Adkisson

*Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ed Griggs - Chief Deacon
 Greg Steeves, Joe Church, Chris Wilson
 10:45 a.m. Phone Duty: Wade Raines
 7:00 p.m. Phone Duty: Gordon Vasseur

Wednesday Dinner - 09/21

Chicken casserole, mixed veggies, salad, dessert

Wednesday Volunteers - 09/21

5:00 p.m. - Brenda & Jim Boyington, Carol & Cleburn Rice
5:45 p.m. - Marta Sliger, Ruth Ann Southerlan, Donnie King

Extended Session - 09/18

Babies 1 - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt

Babies 2 - NEED VOLUNTEERS

2¢ - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

3¢ - Notie & Bobby Moser

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$23,763.52
Difference from Goal	-\$4,975.13
Total Designated Gifts	\$874.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,637.52
Budget Goal to Date	\$316,125.19
Budget Gifts to Date	\$318,411.66
Difference from Goal	+\$2,286.47
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$304,271.19
Increase from Prior Year	\$14,140.47
HGT Year to Date	\$9,546.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,819,707.58

Sunday School Attendance

September 11, 2011

General Officers	2
Preschool	48
Children	51
Youth	40
Adults	311
Total	452

Homebound Ministry Spotlight

In 2000 Faye Shaffer and Peggy Mattson felt impressed to start an organized visiting program for our homebound and those in health care facilities. After talking with Charlie Hutchinson, it was decided to recruit others to help in the ministry and the program began.



We assigned one or more homebound folks to those who had agreed to visit at least once a month. We found that each of us who visited received as many blessings as those we visited. This ministry grew until we have over 20 visiting each month.

We take various church periodicals such as *Mature Living*, *Home Life*, the weekly *First Chronicles*, and sometimes goodies or flowers. Most of all we take Christian love and concern for those who are unable to attend church on a regular basis and miss that contact with other church members. We also take meals to those at home at Easter and

Thanksgiving and sometimes other times during the year, which is much appreciated by those who are homebound.

Monthly visit reports are given to the church office and recorded through Linda Venturino to help keep the staff informed. If you would like to be a part of this ministry and receive an abundance of blessings, please join those who are already involved in this ministry at a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall Thursday, September 29 at 12:30 p.m. Come enjoy a great meal and good fellowship with those already ministering and learn more about this unique ministry. Call the church office by Tuesday, September 27 to reserve your spot.

Fall Farm Fest

By Linda Sharpe

It's an Old Fashion Pot Luck at our farm on Sunday, October 2 from 3:00-6:30 p.m. In other words - if you don't bring it - we don't eat it. Now is the time for the secret family recipe, the six ingredient salad or the quick bread out of the bread machine. We will have Kettle Korn, so go light on the desserts and focus more on meats, veggies, casseroles and sides. The Church Family is going to host this one - dinner is on YOU!!! We'll eat at 4:00 p.m.

Bring some lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Enjoy live music, hayrides, a petting zoo for the kiddies, and Kettle Korn. It's fun, food and fellowship down on the farm. Invite friends and neighbors and come on out!



Bulletin Board



WOMEN

WMU Night Bible Study

Monday, September 19

5:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite finger food and join us for fellowship, missions and Bible study. Pat Butler will be the Bible study leader this month.

YOUTH

Y.A.C.

Sunday, September 25

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Location to be determined

Come to worship at 6:00 and then enjoy Y.A.C. fellowship, fun, and food.



STUDENTS

See You at the Pole

Wednesday, September 28

7:00-8:00 a.m.

This year, See You at the Pole is encouraging students regardless of what church group or school peer group they are a part of to gather with everyone and pray. CONVERGE! The 2011 See You at the Pole theme verse is Matthew 18:20. When God and His people converge for prayer, lives change!



YOUTH

Fall Break Trip

October 10-12

Don't miss this fun trip! We'll have one full day to experience the 70,000 sq. ft. *Creation Museum & Planetarium* in Hebron, Kentucky! We are going to Laser Adventure Family Fun Center, too. Cost is \$75, which includes tickets to *Creation Museum, Planetarium*, 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts and the fun center package. **Sign up and pay by Sept. 28.**



GIRLS IN ACTION

GA Jam 2011

Saturday, October 22

First Baptist Church Murfreesboro

During this exciting one-day event children will learn about missions through interactive experiences, classroom learning and a missions fair. Children will interact with missionaries, enjoy music, games and more. Sign up in the church office by September 30.



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Sept. 18

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 11:30 A.M. Sanctuary Choir/
 Orchestra/Media
 Ministry Commitment
 Lunch
 3:00 P.M. Sr. High/Coll. Soccer
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 Handbells
 5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
 Bible Buddies
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Sept. 19

5:30 P.M. WOM Night Bible
 Study
 6:30 P.M. CBS Bible Study
 #177

Tuesday, Sept. 20

8:45 A.M. MDO
 9:00 A.M. Grief Share #177
 11:45 A.M. Men's Bible Study
 #177

5:15 P.M. Harps

Wednesday, Sept. 21

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
 3:30 P.M. Study Hall
 4:00 P.M. Luminesce
 5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs
 Yth. Choir
 Youth on Mission
 Prayer Meeting
 Children's Missions
 Youth Bible Study
 Sanctuary Choir
 6:30 P.M. College Bible Study
 Men's Basketball

Thursday, Sept. 22

9:00 A.M. CBS
 10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
 7:00 P.M. Yth volleyball -- FBC
 Orange
 7:45 P.M. Yth volleyball -- FBC
 Green

Friday, Sept. 23

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

Saturday, Sept. 24

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
 10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
 3:00 P.M. Sr. High/Coll. Soccer
 4:00 P.M. Orchestra
 Handbells
 5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
 Bible Buddies
 6:00 P.M. Evening Worship
 7:00 P.M. YAC



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SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - 6:30 p.m.

The Stewardship Committee will bring a motion to extend the current budget until October 31 to allow them time to finalize the Budget Proposal for 2011-2012.