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Pastor's Heart



How thank-full are you? In this season of Thanksgiving I am reminded that genuinely thankful people *are full of thanks*. They say, "thank you" and live thankfully. If anyone on earth should be so full of thanks, surely it is God's people involved in God's family.

When the container is full, it overflows. So people full of thanks overflow with words of gratitude, with expressions of grace, with sincere appreciation, and with humility. Anyone can readily recognize a genuinely thank-full person. It's in their words, their face, and their interaction with others.

Thank-full people are thankful for God's presence and grace. They recognize that God has saved them, not just for heaven or from hell, but He is constantly intervening for their salvation here, on earth, as well. "Give us this day our daily bread," becomes, "Thank you Lord, you have provided again."

Thank-full people easily recognize how others add value and meaning to their lives. Thank-full people are full of thanks for God's work in their church and through their church in their own lives. Even irritations are seen as blessings and fulfill the scripture, "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another." (Proverbs 27:17) Thank-full people easily recognize how God is blessing them through others within the family. Really thank-full people focus on becoming a blessing to others.

In this season, we really ought to be full of thanks, overflowing with expressions of thanks, and genuinely mindful of the blessings God has placed in our lives.

So let me say to you, "Thank you!" You mean the world to my family and to me. You bless us in many ways and we count it a blessing to be among you in service to our Lord. We are thankful that you have helped us raise our children and nurtured them with prayer and words of encouragement. We are thankful that you have taken seriously God's call to provide for your pastor in tangible and practical ways.

Thank you for allowing me to lead you, share God's word with you, and walk among you seeking to model God's grace. I pray that you and your family know the blessing of thank-fullness this season.

So when you speak of me today, you can say that at least you know of one 'old turkey' who was thankful at Thanksgiving. Gobble, gobble!

"We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater; therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God..." (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy



Church staff
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*
 Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*
 Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*
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 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2011
 10:00 A.M.
 TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

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.

- Call to Worship Ruth 2:4 Todd Arnold
- Prelude John Bohlen, trumpet and John Wells, organ arr. Wallace/Head
- Welcome and Fellowship Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Praise 77 -Expected Jesus HYFRYDOL
- Lighting the First Candle of Advent Erick and Lisa Barrett and Family
- Responsive Reading including Isaiah 9 and 1 John 1:5, 7
- *Song of Celebration Hughes
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Message in Song Sanctuary Choir Choplin
- Carol of Adoration 86 ST. LOUIS
- Sermon Luke 2:5 Dr. Adkisson
- *Commitment Hymn 208 BEECHER
- Offertory Prayer Tracy Russell
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Music arr. Clydesdale/Wiley

John Bohlen, trumpet and Kaye Ryon, piano

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology

HYMN TO JOY

Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

*Benediction

Dr. Adkisson

*Departing Song 657

PLANO

*Postlude

Instrumentalists

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

- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Hymn of Praise 15 NETTLETON
- *Scripture Reading Psalm 8 and Matthew 1:23 Todd Arnold
- *Hymn of Praise 29 Smith
- *Chorus of Adoration 82 McGee
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Hymn of Commitment 457 Kilpatrick
- Offertory Prayer Randall Ramsey
- Musical Offering Kaye Ryon, piano and Carol Tittle, organ arr. Innes
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Bob Lovell - Chief Deacon
Randall Ramsey, Van Sliger, Ted Jernigan

Wednesday Dinner - 11/30

Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert

Please make dinner reservations by 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Wednesday Volunteers - 11/30

5:00 p.m. - Brenda & Jim Boyington, Doug & Mary Ruth Winford

5:45 p.m. - Marlin & Rose Collins, Bob & Juanita Brown

Extended Session - 11/27

Babies 1 - Ralph & Paige Mills

Babies 2 - Russell & Shelley Fredley

2¢ - NEED VOLUNTEERS

3¢ - Ken & Linda Frisbee

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$33,049.74
Difference from Goal	+\$4,311.09
Total Designated Gifts	\$5,527.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$38,576.74
Budget Goal to Date	\$603,511.73
Budget Gifts to Date	\$578,445.61
Difference from Goal	-\$25,066.12
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$583,658.58
Decrease from Prior Year	\$5,212.97
HGT Year to Date	\$20,328.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,830,489.58

Sunday School Attendance

November 20, 2011

General Officers	3
Preschool	43
Children	55
Youth	27
Adults	301
Total	429



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Cookeville, Tennessee 38501

Preparations are being made for the annual Tasting Party – The Nutcracker Sweet 2011

Date: December 11, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m. -- immediately following the musical

The choirs are busy rehearsing. The Nutcracker characters are finalizing their costume fittings. Cherished family recipes are being tested. This year's theme will delight the child in all of us as we focus on the sweet side of the season -- candies, sugarplums, visions of laughter and fun, and the merriment of preparing for the season with families and friends.



Mark your calendars and invite your neighbors and kin for an evening of delight and worship as we celebrate Christmas. The Hospitality Committee invites all to participate by bringing savory foods as well as traditional cookies and sweets. More information and sign up sheets are in the Central Lobby.

Let's sing together, eat together and be together as a church and community, celebrating and sharing Christ and Christmas.

HOLIDAY DATES AND EVENTS

December 4 6 p.m. Children's Christmas Music	December 25 10 a.m. Worship Service Only <i>Merry Christmas!</i>
December 11 6 p.m. Christmas Musical 7 p.m. Tasting Party	December 26-30 <i>Church office and FLC closed</i>
December 21 <i>No Wednesday night activities/service No meal</i>	December 28 <i>No Wednesday night activities/service No meal</i>
December 24 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service	January 1 10 a.m. Worship Service Only (Adult S.S. Classes that choose to meet will be at 9:00 a.m.) <i>Happy New Year!</i>

Sanctuary Poinsettias

The time is coming for us to decorate our sanctuary for the Christmas celebration. The cost is \$8 per poinsettia. Orders and money are due Monday, December 5. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or bring it by the church office.

Name _____

Please place _____ poinsettia(s)

In memory of _____

OR

In honor of _____

____ I will pick up (after Christmas Eve service) ____ Take to shut in

Bulletin Board



55+

Senior Adult Luncheon

Sunday, December 4
11:15 a.m.

Join us for this covered dished luncheon immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

CHILDREN

Happy Birthday Jesus Party

Friday, December 9 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall & FLC

This is for children ages 3-6th grade. You must reserve a spot by Sunday, December 4. Please bring a gift of wipes, diapers and baby items for the CPC. Volunteers are needed to help with this. If you can help, call Ann Hertzfeldt at 526-7108.

MISSIONS

India Mission Trip Meeting

Would you allow God to use you in North India next year? There will be an information meeting Dec 18 after the morning service in Room 177. You will also find info in the Central Lobby. Deadline to sign up with \$100 deposit is Jan 8.



Snow Policy

1. Sunday Services, programs and activities will be determined by the severity of the weather. Every effort will be made to have Sunday School and the **10:00 a.m.** worship service.
2. Wednesday night services, programs, fellowship meal and activities will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes **when prudent** and will follow policy #6 (below). Mother's Day Out will follow the Putnam County school closings and schedule changes in all cases. Any other Wednesday events will follow #6 (below) to announce changes.
3. Evening programs during the week will be determined by the severity of the weather. See policy #6 (below).
4. If at all possible, the church office will be open.
5. If at all possible, the Family Life Center will be open from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on snow days+. Free Play policies are in effect: one guest only per person, children fourth grade and below must be accompanied by a person age 16 years or older. Evening activities will be determined by the severity of the weather.
6. ALL CANCELLATIONS WILL BE POSTED ON www.fbccookeville.org AS WELL AS THE SNOW LINE (526-4685), AND, IF POSSIBLE, WILL BE BROADCAST ON WHUB RADIO (1400 AM/98.5 FM) AND CABLE TELEVISION CHANNEL 7.

ONLY CANCELLATIONS WILL BE GIVEN.

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Nov. 27

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. Orchestra
4:00 P.M. Handbells
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
Bible Buddies

6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Nov. 28

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones Reh
6:30 P.M. CBS Bible Study #177

Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:45 A.M. MDO
5:15 P.M. Harps

Wednesday, Nov. 30

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
3:30 P.M. Study Hall
4:00 P.M. Luminesce
5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs
Youth Choir
Youth on Mission
Prayer Meeting/
Called Business Mtg.
Sanctuary Choir
Children's Missions
YAC Christmas Tree
Trim

6:30 P.M. College Bible Study

7:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

7:45 P.M. YAC Christmas Tree Trim

8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

9:00 A.M. Happy Tones to NHC/Webb House

9:30 A.M. CBS

Friday, Dec. 2

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
5:00 P.M. GA Craft Party- FH

9:00 A.M. Upward Kindergarten Clinic

Saturday, Dec. 3

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. College Christmas Party/Lunch @ Cochrane's Senior Adult Lunch Orchestra

4:00 P.M. Handbells
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
Bible Buddies

6:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Music

Sunday, Dec. 4

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
11:30 A.M. College Christmas Party/Lunch @ Cochrane's Senior Adult Lunch Orchestra

4:00 P.M. Handbells
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
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6:00 P.M. Children's Christmas Music

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