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FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

You are invited to

Joy Has Dawned

A festival of Christmas music

Tonight at 6:00 p.m.

This delightful concert of Christmas music will include adult and youth choirs, handbells and the church orchestra.

Our annual Christmas tasting party featuring holiday foods will be held following the concert.



Pastor's Heart

"Angels from the realms of Glory," so the song declares. Our study of God's heavenly ambassadors is a strong reminder that the physical world is not the only reality we live in. There are spiritual realms about us that we do not easily see or recognize.

If that concept seems hard for you, think of all the unseen things that you take for granted. Germs, atoms, and tiny molecules: you don't see them but you do not doubt their existence. How about oxygen, nitrogen, and trace minerals in your clear water? Again, you do not see them. But you do not doubt they are around you.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
For International Missions
Providing housing, salary and more
Church Goal: \$30,000

8 months	
7 months	\$27,240
6 months	\$23,350
5 months	\$19,460
4 months	\$15,570
3 months	\$11,680
2 months	\$7,780
1 month	\$3,890
	\$8,852

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 & Collegiates*
 Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 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.

Greeting **Todd Arnold**
 Focus on Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions
 Welcome **Dr. Randall Adkisson**
 *Hymn of Adoration **Getty/Townend**

*Lighting the Third Candle of Advent **JOY** **Gary & Denise Turner**
 *Responsive Reading including Isaiah 60:1-3

*Hymn of Praise 36 **HYFRYDOL**

Message in Song **arr. Allen**

Music Makers Children
 Sharon Cochran, director
 Victor Luna, soloist

*Carol of Praise 91 **STILLE NACHT**

*Pastoral Prayer **Dr. Adkisson**

Sermon **Dr. Adkisson**
 Genesis 22:11 -12

*Hymn of Commitment 122 **Crosby**

Offertory Prayer **Harold Garrett**

Worship with Tithes and Offerings
 Offertory Music **FBC Orchestra** **arr. Hedrick**
 *Presentation of Offering
 *Doxology **HYMN TO JOY**
 Sharing of Spiritual Decisions
 *Benediction **Dr. Adkisson**
 *Departing Carol 95 **refrain only**
 *Postlude **Instrumentalists**

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

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featuring
The Sanctuary Choir, Chi Rho Youth Choir, Praise Ringers Handbell Team, and the FBC Orchestra.

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Ed Griggs - Chief Deacon
Greg Steeves, Joe Church, Tracy Russell

Wednesday Dinner - 12/14

Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, ambrosia salad, dessert

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

Wednesday Volunteers - 12/14

5:00 p.m. - Arleda Hunter, Carol & Cleburn Rice, Jean Downey, Bob & Juanita Brown

5:45 p.m. - Debbie Bates, Natalie McMillan, Richard Cashion, C.W. Ramsay

Extended Session - 12/11

Babies 1 - Bob & Judy Miller
Babies 2 - Patricia Fuller, Stephanie Arp

2¢ - Misty Powers, Becky Holbrook

3¢ - Ken Peterson, Diana Gunter

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$33,061.12
Difference from Goal	+\$4,322.47
Total Designated Gifts	\$2,215.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$35,276.12
Budget Goal to Date	\$660,989.04
Budget Gifts to Date	\$630,465.40
Difference from Goal	-\$30,523.64
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$633,483.45
Decrease from Prior Year	\$3,018.05
HGT Year to Date	\$20,961.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,831,122.58

Sunday School Attendance

December 4, 2011

General Officers	3
Preschool	44
Children	59
Youth	37
Adults	322
Total	465



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Youth Progressive Dinner & Christmas Party

Friday, December 16th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

All youth and leaders are invited to our annual Progressive Dinner/Christmas Party. There will be lots of delicious food, plus great fellowship and fun. We will go to three host homes for appetizers, main course and dessert. Those needing a ride should meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. We plan to return by 9:00 p.m. Dress is casual. Invite a friend to come with you. Please sign up by December 14.

Course	Host home	Address
Appetizers	Riley Masters	4200 Deerfield Lane
Main Course	Gray Forrester	824 N Washington Ave.
Dessert	Phillip Alcorn	1502 Gibbons Rd.

Pastor's Heart

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The spiritual realm of heaven also invades our world. That we do not readily see it does not mean it is nonexistent. Today, in this room there are angels about us. I have even asked God to place angels at the entrances to this place that we might be guarded by their power.

Today we are delving into the power, presence, and might of one particular Angel. He is revealed in the pages of the Old Testament, and there he makes himself known in very powerful ways. Today he stands to secure eternal life for you and your place in heaven. He is indeed your most important advocate and protection. He too was in Bethlehem at the birth of the Savior. Do you remember his part in the drama?

On another note: This is the time of year when we emphasize our giving to missions. Without your giving, the missionaries and materials for reaching our world go unsupported. Our large offering during the *Christmas Season is known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions*. Our goal as a church family is \$30,000. Such a goal is huge in this economic time, but it is not beyond the possibility for God's obedient people.

What will you give? It must be beyond your regular tithes and offerings. If not you literally hurt the cause of Jesus locally to help the cause somewhere else. It should be a priority. With all the money spent on Christmas toys for young and old alike, surely spreading the Gospel of Jesus should be a priority.

You recall that every penny given for the *Lottie Moon Offering* goes to actual missions expenditures. There is no denominational upkeep or the like involved. So make your witness shine through your giving to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* this year.

Tonight we are going to have a wonderful time of worship, led by the Music Ministry of First Baptist Church. Come and bring a friend. Come and bring food. Come and delight in the fellowship around the table at the tasting party. It will be GREAT!

"And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." (Luke 2:13)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Bulletin Board



YOUTH

Chi Rho Caroling Party

Wednesday, December 14

5:30 p.m.

A fun-filled evening of fellowship, music and food.

MINISTRY

Chick-fil-A Night for Backpack Program

Thursday, December 15

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Anyone who places an order that night and tells the staff that they are there for the Spirit Night will earn 15% of their purchase for the backpack program.



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.



CHURCHWIDE

Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service

Friday, December 24

6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

This family-friendly service will feature carol singing, a brief devotional thought, and the Lord's Supper.



COMING IN JANUARY

Cappuccino Class would like to invite any gals age 21 and up to join us for a multi-generational Coffee Cup Bible Study Series: "Sumatra with the Seven Churches." Register and preorder study book by January 2 at church office. Book cost is \$10.



HOLIDAY DATES AND EVENTS

December 11

6 p.m. Christmas Musical
7 p.m. Tasting Party

December 21

No Wednesday night activities/service
No meal

December 24

6 p.m. Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service

December 25

10 a.m. Family Friendly Worship Service Only

Merry Christmas!

December 26-30

Church office and FLC closed

December 28

No Wednesday night activities/service
No meal

January 1

10 a.m. Worship Service Only
(Adult S.S. Classes that choose to meet will be at 9:00 a.m.)



Weekly Activities

Sunday, Dec. 11

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:30 P.M. Orchestra
5:00 P.M. Orchestra/Sanct. Choir
5:15 P.M. Yth. Choir
6:00 P.M. Christmas Musical Tasting Party

Monday, Dec. 12

Tuesday, Dec. 13

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

Wednesday, Dec. 14

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
3:30 P.M. Study Hall
4:00 P.M. Luminesce
5:00 P.M. Children's Choirs
5:30 P.M. Youth Choir Caroling

6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting

Children's Missions

7:45 P.M. College Bible Study

8:30 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, Dec. 15

9:30 A.M. CBS

Friday, Dec. 16

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
6:00 P.M. Yth. Progressive Dinner

Saturday, Dec. 17

Sunday, Dec. 18

8:45 A.M. Joint S.S. Young/Median Adult-FH Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
Bible Buddies
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

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