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FIRST CHRONICLES

Chronicle the life of the First Baptist Family

Pastor's Heart



To see Jesus in the Old Testament was a surprise for many. But God was always revealing Himself personally to His people. In Genesis He says, "Let us make man in our image." Surely this is a hint of the triune nature of God from the very beginning of time. Concerning Jesus, the Gospel of John says, "All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being." Jesus didn't suddenly show up on Christmas. He claimed to be the "I AM" of Moses' burning bush. And declared, "Before Abraham was, 'I AM'". (John 8:58)

Last week's Christmas music was fantastic. I appreciate the great work of all our leaders during these days. I do not think the music or the worship could have been better. Not only was the music last Sunday night great, but the children's choirs have done a wonderful job of leading us in moments of worship during this entire season. And this morning we will hear from our Senior Adult Choir, the *Happy Tones*. Thank you, all of you who work in these areas of missions and ministry.

It's time to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. Remember, this is an essential offering which supplies our missionaries across the globe for the entire year. Pray and give to foreign missions. At the same time, remember how important your regular tithes are to the ministry of First Baptist Church. God has chosen to fund His ministries through His people.

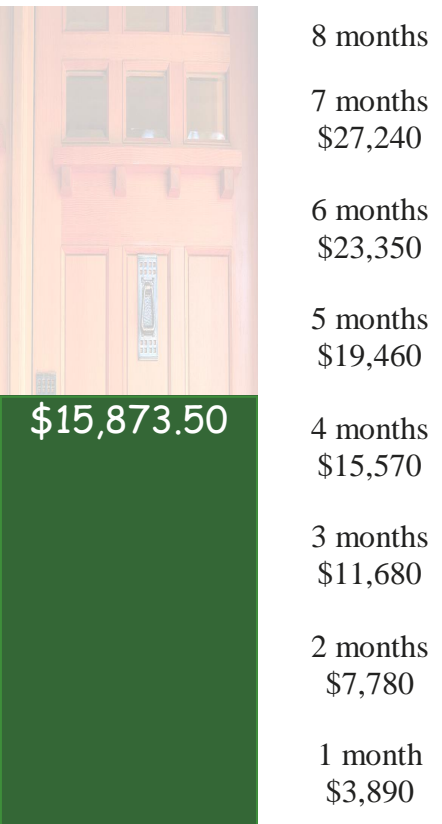
The Christmas/New Year's schedule is always different from the normal schedule around First Baptist. Be aware that Wednesday night activities and prayer meeting will not be held again until January 5th. On Christmas we will meet together for worship at 10:00 a.m. (No Sunday School or Evening Worship). On New Year's Day we will have both Sunday School and Morning Worship, but no Evening Worship.

You do not want to miss the wonderful time of Christmas Eve Worship and the Candle Light Service at First Baptist Church. The Sanctuary is usually packed, so come early and bring all the children and your guests from out of town. It's a 45 min service that really places the emphasis of Christmas directly upon Christ. Christmas is all about Jesus in our midst.

"BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." (Matthew 1:23)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

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



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*
 Todd Arnold, *Interim Minister of Music*
 Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*
 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children*



MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 Ruth 2:4 Todd Arnold
- Message in Song Music Makers/Reflections Children arr. Gassman
Neisha Hibbs and John Apple, co-directors
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Fellowship Carol 96 IN DULCI JUBILO

- Lighting the Fourth Candle of Advent: LOVE Bob Piras and family
- Responsive Reading including Isaiah 9:6-7
- *Songs of Adoration Wimber
McGee
- Lottie Moon Emphasis Carolyn Jernigan
- *Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- Message in Song Happy Tones
Carol Tittle, director
Grace Rennell, accompanist
McGlohon/Sterling

- Carol 86 ST. LOUIS
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Hymn of Commitment 93 MATTHEW 2:16
CAROL

- Offertory Prayer Greg Steeves
- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory Music Kaye Ryon, piano and Carol Tittle, organ arr. Yon
- *Presentation of Offering
- *Doxology HYMN TO JOY
- Sharing of Spiritual Decisions
- *Benediction Dr. Adkisson
- *Departing Carol 95 refrain only
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Todd Arnold
- Welcome Dr. Randall Adkisson
- *Carol 111 English Carol
- Scripture Reading German Carol
- *Carol 108 Brenda Spain
- Operation Christmas Child Emphasis Polish Carol
- Carol 106 Dr. Adkisson
- Sermon Dr. Adkisson
- *Hymn of Commitment SLANE
- Offertory Prayer Howard Stephenson
- Musical Offering Kaye Ryon, piano and Carol Tittle, organ French Carol
- *Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- *Postlude Instrumentalists

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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

Gordon Vasseur - Chief Deacon
Bronn Rayne, Farrell Cox, Chris Gaby

Wednesday Dinner - 12/21

NO MEAL

Extended Session - 12/18

Babies 1 - Connie Hawkins, Lois Weatherholt

Babies 2 - Chris & Mylon Simpson

2¢ - Tom & Bethany Timmerman

3¢ - Notie & Bobby Moser

Stewardship Verse

Because all that we have belongs to God, our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him. "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31

Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$28,134.58
Difference from Goal	-\$604.07
Total Designated Gifts	\$10,232.50
Total Gifts this Week	\$38,367.08
Budget Goal to Date	\$689,727.69
Budget Gifts to Date	\$658,599.98
Difference from Goal	-\$31,127.71
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$661,946.93
Decrease from Prior Year	\$3,346.95
HGT Year to Date	\$21,007.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,831,168.58

Sunday School Attendance

December 11, 2011

General Officers	2
Preschool	40
Children	61
Youth	44
Adults	315
Total	462



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HOLIDAY DATES AND EVENTS

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.)
Happy New Year!



MISSIONS

India Mission Trip Meeting

Would you allow God to use you in North India next year? There will be an information meeting TODAY 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

Saturday, 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.



CHILDREN

Winter Music/Missions Kickoff

Wednesday, January 4 from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Wed enjoy games that go along with the missions theme for this year, some music and a missions story as we begin the new year. Invite a friend to join you!!



ADULTS

Adult Grief Recovery

Have you lost a husband, wife, child, parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle, and/or friends? Join us for Grief Share beginning January 10. This 13-week class will meet in Room 177 at 9 a.m. Call the church office at 526-7108 for more information.



STUDY

Financial Peace

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace will be coming to First Baptist Church in January. Watch the Chronicles for more details.

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"



Come engage in rich Bible study, enjoy a cozy cup of coffee or tea, and embrace sweet new friendships. Wake up on Sunday mornings and go for freshly brewed Bible study and fun times with us! Mmmm!

Facilitated by Salze Adkisson. Register and preorder study book by January 2 at church office. Book cost is \$10.

FLC Holiday Schedule	
Monday, December 19	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 20	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 21	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 22	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Friday, December 23	1:00-3:00 p.m.
Monday, December 26	CLOSED
Tuesday, December 27	CLOSED
Wednesday, December 28	CLOSED
Thursday, December 29	CLOSED
Friday, December 30	CLOSED
Monday, January 2	1:00-3:00 p.m.

Upward Sports & Devoted Basketball Prayer Partners

We are looking for people to pray for each of our Upward Basketball and Cheerleading and Devoted Basketball teams this season. We have about 40 more teams that need a prayer partner. Prayer partners will be given a roster and asked to pray for the coach(es) and players. If you would be willing to pray for a team please fill out this form and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office.

Name _____
Phone number _____ Email _____

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Dec. 18

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

Monday, Dec. 19

1:00 P.M. FLC Open until 3:00

Tuesday, Dec. 20

8:45 A.M. MDO
1:00 P.M. FLC Open until 3:00
5:15 P.M. Harps

Wednesday, Dec. 21

1:00 P.M. FLC Open until 3:00

No Meal, Activities or Service

Thursday, Dec. 22

1:00 P.M. FLC Open until 3:00

Friday, Dec. 23

9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. FLC Open until 3:00

Saturday, Dec. 24

6:00 P.M. Candlelight/Lord's Supper Service

Sunday, Dec. 25

10:00 A.M. Morning Worship

Merry Christmas!!

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