

## Pastor& Heart



I don't know about your week, but mine was crazy busy. Let me give you some updates on life in the First Baptist family. First, we are working intently upon our plan to reach our city for Jesus. You have been asked to specifically pray for a street or group of houses in the area between our church building and I-40. Those prayers are important and I pray you are continuing in your intercession for this area of our city.

As you are praying we are working on the strategy to reach into every home and business in this large area. We are identifying the material, the dates, and the leadership for a godly assault upon this area with the Gospel of Jesus.

When I spoke to Dr. Bobby Welch, Associate Director for the TBC, about our plans as he was visiting with us in October, the excitement and enthusiasm was evident. You see God had laid a plan upon his heart for reaching Tennessee's unreached with a similar strategy as ours. That enthusiasm led to a small group conference which I was invited to this past Monday and Tuesday.

The conference, for a select number of leaders from TBC Churches, was all about starting small groups in our communities in order to impact lostness in Tennessee. Several speakers spoke of their strategies, and discussions were held as to how, why, and when to work in this way.

It was challenging but exciting to see that God is leading many leaders in our state toward the same vision.

So keep praying and keep looking for your place of involvement in our plan to reach the 50,000 residents of Cookeville with the Gospel of Jesus. After all, our plans are nothing if they are not HIS plans. Churches don't save people. Preachers don't save people. Programs don't save people. Jesus is the only one who can save a man, a woman, a family.

I met a pastor from the Knoxville area whose church has adopted the slogan: "Making it hard to go to hell from Knoxville, Tennessee." That's pretty sharp. That should also be our goal. We need to be a church that is "Making it hard to go to hell from Cookeville, Tennessee."

Second: We are still walking our way through God's word and the book of Ecclesiastes. This morning we are *Making Work Meaningful!* And tonight we will be delving deeply into chapters 5 and 6 of this God inspired book.

Why should you be a part of this study? Well let's see!  
IT IS GOD'S WORD FOR YOUR LIFE AND GOD'S ANSWER TO QUESTIONS YOU DON'T EVEN YET KNOW TO ASK. IT WILL MAKE AN INTERNAL DIFFERENCE IN YOU, YOUR FAMILY, AND YOUR INFLUENCE!

I guess that should answer that!  
Third: Each weekend of the new year thus far has included a funeral. When we enter into a season of grief such as this, I especially seek your prayers for your pastor and our staff. Ministering to our church family is a delight, but it is also a burden. Genuine and gracious ministry cannot be sustained without your prayer support. Thank you for your prayers.

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve." (Colossians 3:23-24)  
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 on January 29. Please place your sack full of groceries in one of the collection boxes around the church. The following list are items that are needed:

- ◆ Soup (Chicken noodle/vegetable)
- ◆ Breakfast cereal (15+ oz)
- ◆ Spaghetti w/meatballs (15 oz)
- ◆ Other pasta meals in a can
- ◆ Applesauce (15 oz can)
- ◆ Fruit cocktail (15 oz can)
- ◆ Tuna (canned)
- ◆ Peanut butter (18 oz)
- ◆ Grape jelly (18 oz)
- ◆ Spaghetti sauce (15 oz can)
- ◆ Spaghetti noodles (1 pound)
- ◆ Pork & beans (15 oz can)
- ◆ Green beans, corn (15 oz can)
- ◆ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ◆ Macaroni & cheese
- ◆ Pinto beans
- ◆ Ramen Noodles (chicken or beef)
- ◆ Oatmeal

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*



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
Hymn of Testimony 441		McDaniel
Ordinance of Believer		Dr. Randall Adkisson
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Testimony 15		NETTLETON
*Responsive Reading	James 4:7-8, 10	Royal Ambassadors
*Song of Praise		Found's
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Message in Song	Sanctuary Choir	McDonald/Choplin
*Hymn of Assurance 330		NEW BRITAIN
Sermon		Dr. Adkisson
*Hymn of Commitment	Ecclesiastes 2:11	ADELAIDE
Offertory Prayer		Wade Raines

MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012  
10:00 A.M.  
TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Offertory Music  
FBC Orchestra

arr. Lawrence

*Presentation of Offering		OLD 100th
*Doxology 253		
Sharing of Spiritual Decisions		
*Benediction		Dr. Adkisson
*Departing Chorus		Johnson
*Postlude		Instrumentalists

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

Please join us for  
**January Bible Study**

On the Book of  
**ECCLESIASTES**  
TONIGHT @ 6:00 P.M.  
IN THE CHAPEL

Preschool children will meet in room 244.  
Children grades K-6 will meet in the FLC  
and study Journey with Jesus.

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Youth will meet on the 4th floor.

## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

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

### Wednesday Dinner - 01/25

Various meats and vegetables, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 01/25

5:00 p.m. - Fran Hutchinson, Jean Downey, Brenda & Jim Boyington

5:45 p.m. - Marlin & Rose Collins, Debbie & Randall Ramsey

### Extended Session - 01/22

Babies 1 - Linda Chappell, Lois Weatherholt

Babies 2 - Shelia Hunter, Diana Gunter

2¢ - Lily Qiu, Wendy Apple

3¢ - Andrew & Kristie Hetzel

## Budget

### January 15, 2012

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$17,770.77
Difference from Goal	-\$10,967.88
Total Designated Gifts	\$984.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$18,754.77
Budget Goal to Date	\$833,420.96
Budget Gifts to Date	\$820,585.27
Difference from Goal	-\$12,835.69
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$818,449.84
Increase from Prior Year	\$2,135.43
HGT Year to Date	\$44,033.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,854,194.58

## Sunday School Attendance

### January 15, 2012

General Officers	3
Preschool	40
Children	50
Youth	43
Adults	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>



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# What Do You Look Like?

**Mike Head**  
Associate Pastor of Administration

Many people - including Christians - sometimes end up in serious financial difficulty because they ignore this basic principle from God's Word: God wants us to know the state of our finances. Proverbs 27:23-24 instruct us, "Know well the condition of your flocks, and pay attention to your herds; for riches are not forever, nor does a crown endure to all generations."

In Old Testament times livestock were one of the primary measures of a person's wealth. Today we might be admonished "Be diligent to know the state of your bank accounts and your possessions." Proverbs 24:3-4 says in a contemporary version "Any enterprise is built by wise planning, becomes strong through common sense, and profits wonderfully by keeping abreast of the facts."

*The amount of money we have is determined by God.*

*"But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth."*

*Deut. 8:18*

Why is this so important? As managers we are responsible for what God has entrusted to us. Part of that responsibility includes monitoring the status of our possessions and making wise investments. One of the best investments we can make is to send deposits to the "Bank of Heaven" by giving to the Lord's work here at First Baptist Church. When we do that we are not only exercising good stewardship but we are also earning God's approval. There's no better return on an investment than that!

As you think about your life today do you have a good picture of where you are financially? Are you keeping the commitments concerning giving which you have made to God?

Think about it: A dollar spent for lunch lasts about five hours. A dollar spent for a necktie lasts about five weeks. A dollar spent for an automobile lasts about five years. A dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity.

## 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 18 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 \_\_\_\_\_

# Bulletin Board

## STUDY



### Financial Peace

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace will begin February 12 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Registration and introduction will be held TODAY in the Chapel immediately following morning worship. This 13-week class costs \$93. Follow the link on the church website to sign up.

## YOUTH

### Centrifuge Camp

July 16-21

North Greenville University  
Greenville, SC

It's that time of year to reserve your place for Centrifuge 2012! The total cost is \$265. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit by January 29. See Bill Stone for details and to sign up.

## CHILDREN

### Centri-Kid Camp

July 9-13

Campbellsville University  
Campbellsville, KY

It's time to reserve your place for Centri-KID Camp. Your 3rd-6th grader will experience the time of his/her life and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. The cost is \$266. Secure your reservation with a \$50 deposit by February 8. See Colleen Cox for details and to sign up.

## ADULTS

### Adult Grief Recovery

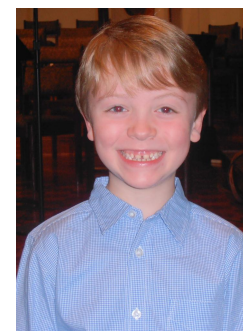


Have you lost a husband, wife, child, parents, grandparents, aunt, uncle, and/or friends? Grief Share is a 13-week class that meets in Room 177 at 9 a.m. You can join this continuing class at any point. For more information contact the church office at 526-7108.

## Welcome New Members



Lynn Dalton



Eli Langford

# Contribution Statements

Contribution statements are available for you to pick up in the Central Lobby. Please stop by the table and pick up your statement.

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, Jan. 22

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill  
Bible Buddies  
6:00 P.M. January Bible Study - Chapel  
Youth - 4th floor  
Children - FLC

### Monday, Jan. 23

6:30 P.M. Community Bible Study #177

### Tuesday, Jan. 24

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:00 A.M. Grief Share  
5:15 P.M. Harps

### Wednesday, Jan. 25

3:00 P.M. Open Gym  
3:30 P.M. Study Hall  
4:00 P.M. Luminesce  
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
Preschool/Children's Choirs  
Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Youth on Mission  
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting  
Sanctuary Choir  
Yth Praise/Bible Study  
Children's Missions

7:45 P.M. Collegiate Bible Study

### Thursday, Jan. 26

9:30 A.M. CBS  
10:00 A.M. Happy Tones  
7:00 P.M. Devoted Basketball @ Avery Trace

### Friday, Jan. 27

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday  
6:00 P.M. Devoted Basketball

### Saturday, Jan. 28

8:00 A.M. Upward Basketball  
7:00 P.M. Devoted Basketball

### Sunday, Jan. 29

8:45 A.M. Sunday School  
Yth 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Breakfast  
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship  
4:00 P.M. Orchestra  
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill  
Bible Buddies  
6:00 P.M. January Bible Study - Chapel  
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To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at [www.fbccookeville.org](http://www.fbccookeville.org).