



FIRST CHRONICLES

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Pastor's Heart



Our Celebration last Sunday Evening was important. I appreciate so much the heartfelt, powerful testimony of a mom who is learning of God's wisdom, provision, and grace in the midst of family crisis. God will bless that gracious vulnerability and openness. God will bless the time of prayer we had for one another. One of my favorite verses has become 2

Corinthians 1:3-5:

“All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.”

This verse reminds us that our struggles often become the basis for our ministries. Where has God led you and what has God led you through? Look to that place as a place of significance through which God has gifted you and now desires to use you in ministry to others. Understand the comfort that He has brought to you is as well the comfort that He now seeks to offer *through you*.

I am looking forward to our next time of Sunday Evening Celebration that will come in a few weeks.

Tonight we will begin a special four-week study of the simplest most complex verse in the Bible: John 3:16. The study of this pivotal passage will lead us into a study of one of the more controversial issues in our churches today, Calvinism. So, if you want to go deep come join us in the Chapel tonight at 6 p.m. As we look deeply into the word of God.

In March we will focus tightly on a new strategy for our outreach and mission. THE PROOF INITIATIVE is the name given to our plans for reaching the 50,000 residence of the Cookeville area with the Gospel of Jesus.

PROOF carries lots of nuance, for we will be proving God to the community by bringing them to an encounter with Jesus. But PROOF also means God is *proving* each one of us as a smelter proves the precious ore. Make up your mind now to join the THE PROOF INITIATIVE.

“But *prove yourselves* doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves.” (James 1:22)

“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and *so prove to be My disciples*.” (John 15:8)

See you in Worship,
Pastor Randy

Mission Opportunities

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

The 2012 theme for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering is “Whatever It Takes”. The annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 4-11. This year, five missionaries representing thousands of missionaries serving throughout the United States, Canada, and their territories are spotlighted.

“Whatever It Takes” is focused on Mark 2:1-5 which says, “When He entered Capernaum again after some days, it was reported that He was at home. So many people gathered together that there was no more room, not even in the doorway, and He was speaking the message to them. Then they came to Him bringing a paralytic, carried by four men. Since they were not able to bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above where He was. And when they had broken through, they lowered the stretcher on which the paralytic was lying. Seeing their faith, Jesus told the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Our church goal for this year is \$11,000 and the national goal is \$70,000,000. One hundred percent of your gift is transformed into missionary salaries and ministry supplies so that others will hear the message of Christ and respond to His offer of salvation.

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, MARCH 4, 2011
10:00 A.M.
TELEVISION REPLAY AT 10:45 A.M.

Worship/Children: For your comfort and that of others, children is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the children's 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
Song of Preparation 478	“Seek Ye First”	LAFHERTY
Welcome and Fellowship		Dr. Randall Adkisson
*Hymn of Praise 2	“Holy, Holy, Holy”	NICAEA
*Responsive Reading	Psalms 9:1-3; 13:5-6	Mike and Tiffany Gentry
*Hymns of Testimony	“I Stand Amazed in the Presence”	MY SAVIORS LOVE
146	“O How He Loves You and Me”	PATRICIA
*Pastoral Prayer		Dr. Adkisson
Message in Song	“Wonder Working Power Medley”	art. Hamby
	Sanctuary Choir	
Sermon	“What Have I Gotten Myself Into?”	Dr. Adkisson
	Romans 12:9-13	
*Hymn of Commitment 450	“I Need Thee Every Hour”	NEED
Offertory Prayer		John Zhu
Worship with Tithes and Offerings		
Offertory Music	“The Solid Rock”	art. Phillips
	Kaye Ryon, piano and Carol Tittle, organ	

*Presentation of Offering

*Doxology 253 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD 100th

Sharing of Spiritual Decisions

*Benediction

Dr. Adkisson

*Departing Chorus

“As We Go”

Johnson

*Postlude

Instrumentalists

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in memory of Brian Clarke Walton and Kayla Biddy.

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

Please join us for
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News Highlights

Deacons of the Week

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

Wednesday Dinner - 03/07

Taco Salad Bar, Fruit, Sugar Cookies

Wednesday Volunteers - 03/07

5:00 p.m. - Steve & Carolyn Piela,
Lois Weatherholt, Mike Shirley

5:45 p.m. - Melanie Hutcherson,

Gloria Vick, Donnie King

Extended Session - 03/04

Babies 1 - Anielka Artola, Diane Bohlen

Babies 2 - Stefanie & Brian Smith

2¢ & 3¢ - Tracy & Bedelia Russell

Budget

February 26, 2012

Budget Goal per Week	\$28,738.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$25,805.96
Difference from Goal	-\$2,932.69
Total Designated Gifts	\$ 2,164.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$27,969.96
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,005,852.88
Budget Gifts to Date	\$962,882.78
Difference from Goal	-\$42,970.10
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$976,318.87
Decrease from Prior Year	\$13,436.09
HGT Year to Date	\$48,168.00
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,858,329.58

Sunday School Attendance

February 26, 2012

General Officers	2
Preschool	41
Children	56
Youth	41
Adults	323
Total	463



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A Shower For A Special Ministry

What a wonderful opportunity and privilege is before us! The WMU is inviting everyone in the church to a shower! No it is not a bridal shower nor a baby shower but a shower for a special ministry in our church. It's a Kitchen Shower where all men, women and children may attend. Have you ever been to such an event? After years of service many items in our kitchen need to be updated or replaced.

Have you ever eaten food prepared at First Baptist Church whether in the building or elsewhere? It is a ministry that touches many lives in our community. Not only are we blessed with gifted cooks but also with many helpful, devoted volunteers.

The date of the shower is March 25, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall where you will have the opportunity to bring gifts for our church kitchen. Items are needed to facilitate and accommodate food preparation, clean-up and serving capabilities.

There are several possible methods you can use to help. First, you can make monetary donations to avoid duplication of items needed. The donation could be given in the offering plate or at the shower with "Designated for kitchen shower" written on the envelop. Second, Sunday School classes could make a donation as a "lump sum" toward the shower or provide a "money tree" for the day of the shower. In either case a designated item or items can be named. Third, individuals may specify a particular item for their donation.

In the past our kitchen has prepared food for many activities such as Wednesday night meals, Senior Adult luncheons, Upward, VBS events, Deacons' meals, Youth activities, Music ministry, Rescue Mission, Dismas House, BCM Soul Food Café, Family funeral meals, Bridal teas and Wedding receptions, Sunday School meetings and many others.

A list of needs will be provided soon. Thank you for helping make this a very special event.



Children are precious gifts from God. And Extended Session Volunteers are as well!

Our Children's Ministry needs you to volunteer for extended session with our children from birth through 3 years old. We need 8 people each week to serve in this capacity. We rotate every three months. If you would like to help out, sign the sheet included in the bulletin and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Ann Hertzfeldt. If you once worked but have been off the list for a time, consider signing up again. This is a great way to engage in ministry and doesn't take any special talents. "Let the children come and do not hinder them."



Bulletin Board

CHILDREN

TeamKID

For Kindergarten-6th grade
Wednesday, March 7 & 14
6:00-7:30 p.m. in FLC

Come enjoy this fun, high-energy ministry. Kids will learn life lessons through Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions and recreation.



55+

Everybody Birthday Luncheon

Sunday, March 11

Immediately following a.m. service

If you are 55+, come and celebrate your 2012 birthday with us. Lunch is provided by the church. Call the church office at 526-7108 and make reservations by Thursday, March 8.



SEMINAR

Biblical Principles of Handling Money

Monday, March 12

6:30-8:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

Larry M. Spain will lead this free seminar. Limited seating is available. RSVP to freedom@larrymspain.com.



Happy Travelers

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

Lunch on your own at the **COOKIE JAR** in Dunlap, TN.

The cost is about \$10.00 per person. Leave the church bus lot at 11:00 a.m. Reservations are due by the luncheon on March 11.



YOUTH

Spring Break Boredom Busters

Tuesday, March 6 - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

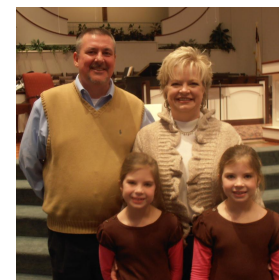
Meet at *Highland Cinema* - Movie - \$6.50

Thursday, March 8 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

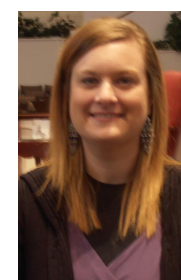
Meet at *Bowling World*



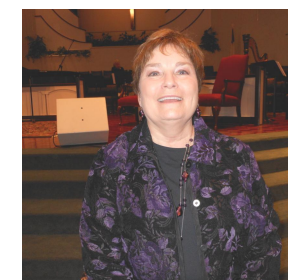
Welcome New Members



Kenneth & Lisa Chandler



Casey Parks



Bettye Austin

Weekly Activities

Sunday, Mar. 4

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Financial Peace Study
4:30 P.M. James- Beth Moore
Bible Study #177
5:00 P.M. Bible Drill
Bible Buddies
6:00 P.M. Evening Worship

Monday, Mar. 5

1:00 P.M. FLC Open
6:30 P.M. Community Bible
Study #177

Tuesday, Mar. 6

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:00 A.M. Grief Share
9:45 A.M. WMU Day Group
1:00 P.M. FLC Open
Yth Boredom Buster

6:15 P.M. Volleyball

Wednesday, Mar. 7

3:00 P.M. Open Gym
4:00 P.M. Luminesce
5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens
6:00 P.M. Team Kid
6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting
Sanctuary Choir
Chi Rho Choir
Yth Praise/Bible Study

7:30 P.M. Gym open til 8:00

8:00 P.M. Men's Basketball

Thursday, March 8

10:00 A.M. Happy Tones
1:00 P.M. FLC Open
Yth. Boredom Buster
6:15 P.M. Volleyball

Friday, March 9

8:45 A.M. MDO
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday
1:00 P.M. FLC Open

Saturday, March 10

Sunday, March 11

8:45 A.M. Sunday School
10:00 A.M. Morning Worship
Junior Church
11:30 A.M. 55+ Everybody
Birthday Luncheon
4:00 P.M. Orchestra
Financial Peace Study
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To add prayer requests please call the church or visit our web page at www.fbccookeville.org.