

A Journey Begins ...

Beginning on November 30, 2014, we as a church family will embark upon an unusual journey. From the first Sunday of Advent through Easter Sunday, we will travel together through the book of Matthew together. Each of our Sunday worship services and Wednesday Bible studies will focus on a different piece of Matthew's story. Yet what ties these individual moments together is a common theme, a theme which comes to dominate all of Matthew's gospel: redemption.

A Place for Story ...

Matthew's gospel story is one of redemption. As we will see in the coming months, Matthew time and again draws his reader's attention God's work of redemption among the people of the world. We believe that God continues His work of redemption today, and we want to tell those stories.

As our church family begins to turn its attention to God's work of redemption throughout our lives and throughout our world, we want to invite you to share your own story of God's redemption with us. In the coming weeks, this space will host stories of people from our church family who have encountered God's redemptive love first hand. If you would consider sharing your own story, we invite you to email us at redemption@fbcknox.org or send us a letter here at the church (First Baptist Knoxville, Attn: Redemption Stories, 510 W. Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902).

We pray that the coming months will lead you into deeper relationship with a Lord and Savior who is constantly working to redeem the world and us along with it.

With an eye towards redemption,
Your First Baptist Staff

Welcome to worship at First Baptist. We are so glad that you have joined us today. From the heart of downtown Knoxville, we are touching lives around the world, sharing the ministry and life of Jesus Christ. If you need further information about our church, or desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our ministers will be available following the service at each exit.

Please prepare for worship by:

- Encouraging children five years old and older to worship using the printed supplements available.
- Taking advantage of our Preschool Extended Session designed specifically for children age 3 and under. Pagers are provided to communicate with parents in case of emergency. Children age 4 years -1st grade may attend Passage, our children's worship experience, after the children's sermon, or remain with their parents in the service.
- Noting that restrooms are located directly behind the choir loft.

Becoming a Member

You are welcome and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister during the Hymn of Response to request baptism or to join the church. Or, you may simply call the church office to request an appointment with any minister.

**Hearing devices available in the Reception Office
courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.**



FIRST BAPTIST
KNOXVILLE

December 14, 2014 • 11:00 AM

Advent Worship

December 14, 2014 • 11:00 AM
JOY

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Organ Prelude

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach

Mamie Sullivan

Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
As we enter this joy-filled third Sunday of Advent,
May the love of God the Father, and the joy of Jesus the Son,
And the peace, of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

Wendell Boertje

*Call to Worship

The Lord has done great things for us!
And we are filled with joy!
Our God has turned our weeping into singing,
Our tears into songs of joy!
O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day.
Joy to the world! The Lord is come. (based on Psalm 126)

*Processional Carol 102

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come
ANTIOCH
(Stanza 3 unaccompanied)

Invocation and Welcome

Scott Claybrook

The Advent Wreath Candle (Joy)

Dent-Sink Family

Reader 1: Candles are a prominent part of the Advent wreath.
With their living flame, they provide light and warmth.
The three purple candles represent royalty as well as humility.



MENU
December 17, 2014

Bridge
Breakfast for Lunch

Wednesday Supper
*Orange Chicken, Rice,
Buttered Red Potatoes,
Green Veggie, Salad, Desserts*

ATTENDANCE & GIVING
December 7, 2014

Sunday School	373
First Community	Combined
11:00 AM	608
Deaf	58
Passage	Combined
Worship Total	666

Weekly	53,630.39
MTD Giving	53,630.39
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,571,171.08

A detailed financial report is available in the library.

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR...

December 12, 2014

HOSPITAL

Sara Baskin, Ft Sanders 429N

DISCHARGED

John "Jack" Reynolds
Courtney Wright
Cheree Graybeal Kirkbride –
Marion Graybeal's daughter
Jesse Phillips – grandson of Barbara &
Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams
Esther Rohr– Mary Alice Balch's sister

REHAB

Gloria Rodgers, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 478
Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473
Becky Hudson, NHC Farragut 336B

IN MEMORIAM

Lewis N. Horner
May 31, 1919 – December 9, 2014
Date Joined: February 15, 1976

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Gary & Terry Lethco upon the birth of their
granddaughter Presley Kate on
November 17. Proud parents are Adam and
Sarah Lethco; uncle is David Lethco.

Courtney and Patrick Wright upon the birth of
their son, Grayson Edward on December 3.
Proud grandparents are Vickie and Bill Evans.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO

Teresa Hatmaker, upon the death of her son, Travis
Shelton Hatmaker of Knoxville, on December 8.

Ron & Pam Neal, upon the death of his aunt,
Rose Jewel Altom of Knoxville, on December 5.

Rose Hixson upon the death of her mother, Peggy
Walker of Chattanooga, on November 27.

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOME
OF THE WEEK

Island Home Park Health & Rehab
1758 Hillwood Dr. (37920)
Alice Shaffer Room 107

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 pm

Our Christmas Eve Service is one of the best-loved services of the year as we celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas. Come make this time of worship a centerpiece of your family tradition at Christmas. Mark your calendar today!

Church Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, December 28, 9:45 am

You are invited to join us the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's for a church-wide fellowship during our traditional Sunday School hour. Everyone is invited to bring a breakfast dish to share as our pastor shares word of hope and encouragement for us to begin the New Year together.

Used Literature Donations

Your gently-used Sunday School and music curriculum can be a powerful discipleship tool for missionaries in the United States and around the world. You are invited to donate your gently used curriculum by placing it in boxes located in Room 304 and the Reception Office. Keep this opportunity in mind as your new curriculum arrives!

FBC Knoxville Contacts

To phone staff, dial (865) 246- plus the four-digit number found beside the staff member's name, or call the main number, 546-9661.

- Wendell Boertje, Interim Minister of Music (4668)
- Joy Claybrook, Director of Community Ministries (4661)
- Scott Claybrook, Young Adult Minister (4678)
- Pam Neal, Minister of Administration (4660)
- Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor (4652)
- Susan Tatum, Minister to Preschool & Children (4666)
- Dave Ward, Pastoral Care Minister (4667)
- Ben Winder, Youth Minister (4663)

Minister on Call (865) 546-9661, Option 9

510 W. Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902 (865) 546-9661

In Service

Week of December 14

First Community Hospitality

Dickie & Fred Kaserman

First Community Greeters

Ethel Powell, John & Lanita Rorrer

Welcome Center Greeters

Beth Nagel, Mary Nelle Robbins

Preschool Extended Care

Judy Boswell, Arleen Malcolm,
Susan Hunt

Monitor: Ray Malcolm

TV Ministry Team

Ned Russell, Judy Cox,
Sarah Bittle, Brad Bittle,
Marion Carter, Reba Green
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team

Sharon & Steve Bowman

New Member Ministry

Spencer Hudson, Greg Reed

Outreach Deacon

Terri King

TeleCare Ministry

Sherry Coffield

Reader 2: The pink candle is lit on this third Sunday of Advent. It is called the candle of "Joy" and represents the joy that comes into the world and into our lives from the Savior who is called "the desire of every nation and the joy of every longing heart!"

Lighting the Candle of Joy (Pink)

Response 82

Light the Light, the Fire of Life
(Refrain, Stanza 3, and Refrain)

The Anthem

Sanctuary Choir and Children

O Come, Little Children
arr. Lloyd Larson

Music Makers Choir directed by Karisa Engle

Children's Message

Susan Tatum

(Four year-olds, Kindergarteners, and First Graders who are attending Children's Worship: PASSAGE will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.)

*Carol 125

Angels We Have Heard on High
GLORIA

Morning Scripture (Matthew 3:13-17)

Tom Ogburn

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.
¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him.

¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

*Carol 126

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

David and Rachel Smith

Choral Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Hark! The Herald Angles Sing
arr. David Schwoebel
(Congregation will be invited to stand and sing last stanza)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

The Sermon

"A Voice from Heaven"
Matthew 3:13-17

Tom Ogburn

*Carol of Response 119

His Name Is Called Emmanuel
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Opportunities at FBC

Ben Winder

Sharing of Public Decisions

Tom Ogburn

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

Arise, Arise
Tom Fettke

Organ Postlude

Mamie Sullivan

Joy to the World
arr. Hopson

*Congregation is asked to stand



The Life of the Church

REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel

Next week we continue the REDEMPTION series with a sermon entitled, "**Beginnings**" from **Matthew 4:12-12**. Please visit www.fbcknox.org/redemption for these and more! This coming week's passage for reflection is Matthew 4.

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness

Our tree is beginning to fill up with Random Acts of Christmas Kindness activities that our children and church family members have shared with our community. Don't forget to bring back the green slip of paper with your activity and leave it in the basket on the table in the Welcome Center so we can add it to our tree. Let's fill it up by Christmas Eve and share the love of Christ this Christmas season.

25 Hours of Christmas -- A University Student Retreat and Mission Experience

December 17-18; \$20

Attention University Students! Finals are almost done, and we have a wonderful way for you to celebrate. From Wednesday, December 17 to Thursday, December 18, we'll be offering a new experience for university students called "25 Hours of Christmas." Over the course of two days (and roughly 25 hours), we'll be traveling around Knoxville enjoying some of the great fun the city has to offer as well as learning and serving alongside some of our many ministry partners. The cost of \$20 will cover all of your meals and expenses for two days of fun and service. Contact Scott Claybrook sclaybrook@fbcknox.org for more information or to sign up!

FBC Family Missions Night

Wednesday, December 17, Dinner at 5:00 pm Program at 6:00 pm

Gather with your church family for an evening together of learning about missions, giving to missions and praying for missions. Laura Beth Roberts is our guest speaker. Laura Beth, daughter of Micky and Susan Roberts, was on the 2014 Send TN Missions team to Quito, Ecuador. Mission Friends, GAs and RAs will participate in the program. Dinner begins at 5:00 pm (regular Wednesday prices) followed at 6:00 pm by our international missions program.

Adult Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18, 5:30 pm, Trentham Hall

All adults are invited to enjoy the "Fabulous '50's" with us in Trentham Hall on December 18. Dinner will be catered by The Entertainer. Tickets on sale on Sunday mornings for \$14 on the 3rd floor crossover. Get yours today!