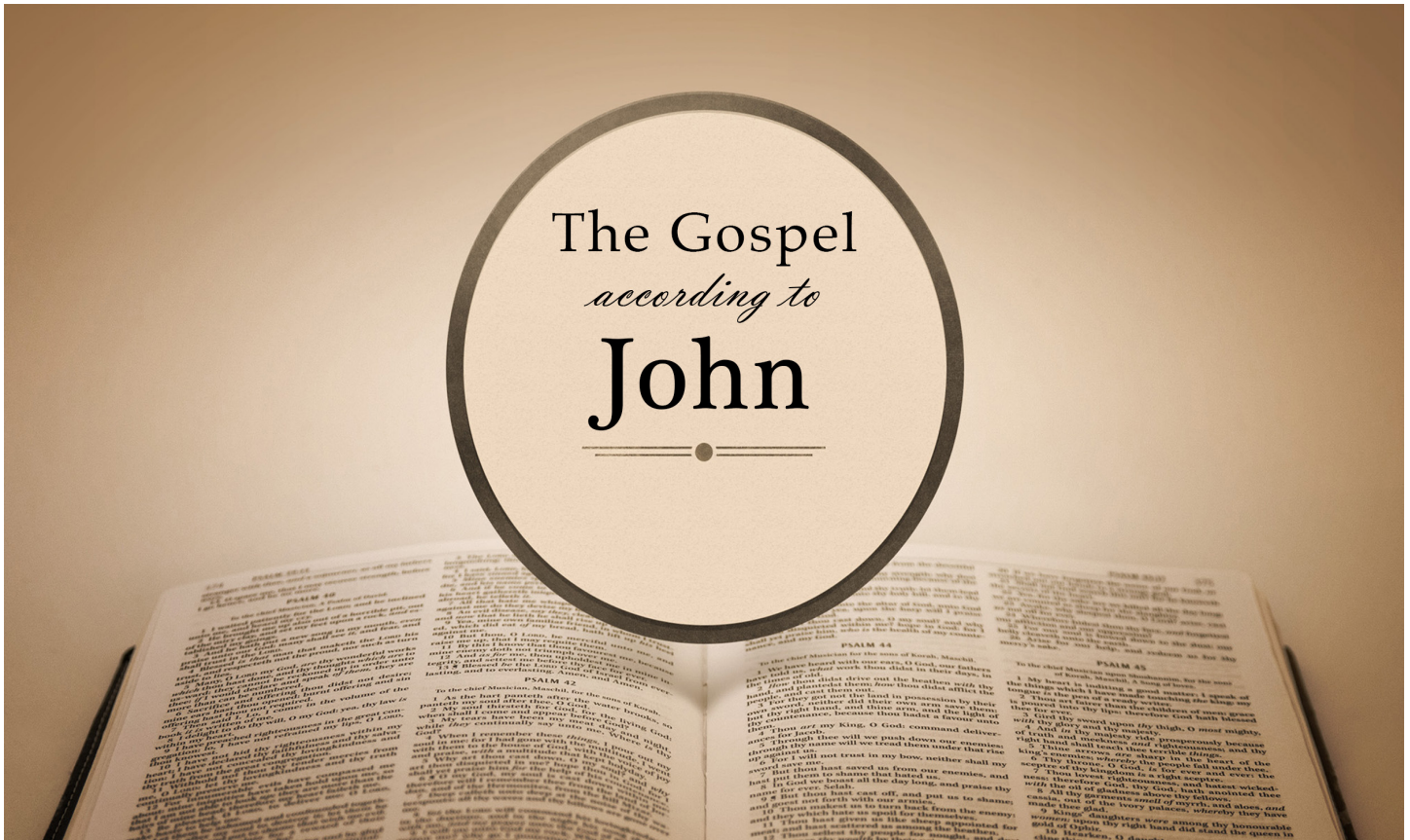




# First Baptist Church

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## A Sixteen-Week Discipleship Experience

## Sermon Preaching

### First Community & 11 AM Worship

January 5

**Dr. Brad Creed**

January 12

**Scott Claybrook**

January 19

**Dr. Darrell Gwaltney**

January 22

**Dr. Darrell Gwaltney**

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### Minister on Call (865) 246-4650

January 3-5	Susan Tatum
January 10-12	Pam Neal
January 17-19	Ben Winder
January 24-26	Scott Claybrook
January 31-Feb 2	Dave Ward

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### Average Sunday School and Worship Attendance

November 24 - December 15

Sunday School	335
First Community	66
11 AM Worship	342
Deaf Worship	31
Passage Childrens Worship	11
Combined Worship	450

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### Financial Summary

November 24 - December 15

Weekly Giving (Avg)	\$42,246.27
MTD Giving	\$140,637.04
Monthly Need	\$159,004.67
YTD Giving	\$1,560,604.63
YTD Need	\$1,682,728.59

## Discipleship Council – The Gospel According to John

Baptists have long confessed that every believer has the freedom and responsibility to read and interpret scripture. In scripture, we believe each person, with Christian community and Holy Spirit guidance, can encounter the story of God's interaction with humanity throughout history. Encountering that story allows each person to better understand his/her place in the narrative God is weaving. We recognize encountering and engaging God's word makes us more attune to the work of God in and around us. We know reading the Bible is a formative and transformative experience. It does not take seminary training or a library of commentaries to have one's life changed by reading the Bible.

Further, I would suggest the churches which are making the greatest impact on the world today, are those in which the people read the Bible. Let me be clear: I did not say the churches with the most in-depth Bible study opportunities or quality, exegetical preaching (as important as those may be). I said the churches wherein people are actually reading the Bible. According to a recent Barna poll, 80% of Americans think the Bible is sacred; yet, 57% read their Bible only four times a year or less!

With all this in mind, the Discipleship Council would like to introduce you to a 16-week discipleship experience starting this month. We are calling it "The Gospel According to John."

Each week we invite you to read a short, manageable section of the gospel of John together as a church family. You will also be invited to share in the honest questions and video reflections of other ordinary First Baptist people like you, as each of us encounters scripture for ourselves. This is not about deep theological insights of experts. It is about you taking the next step in engaging the Bible. It is about us embracing our identity as a church of people who read the Bible.

We want everyone connected to First Baptist to be a part of this - whether you are a seasoned Bible scholar or new to the faith, a child or a senior adult, whether you follow a regular Bible reading plan or cannot remember the last time you picked up your Bible. We invite you to join us on this sixteen-week journey as we read the Bible together.

Why the Gospel According to John? As one early Church father put it, "The Gospel of John is deep enough for an elephant to swim and shallow enough for a child not to drown." Wherever you are in your faith journey, John's gospel will bring you encouragement and challenge. For these reasons, it is the perfect place for us to begin this journey of encountering scripture together. We pray you will join us.

Ben Winder, Minister to Youth  
Staff Liaison, Discipleship Council

## Second Mile Birthdays

### Inadvertently Omitted December 30

Betty Smith  
8458 Gleason Dr, Apt 322  
Knoxville TN, 37919

### January 1

Mildred Gregg  
6917 Cresthill Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37919-5907

### January 1

Leo Holloway, Jr.  
3854 Taliluna Ave  
Knoxville, TN 37919-8359

### January 1

Alice Kaserman  
701 Chateaugay Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37923-2015

### January 3

Raymond Evans  
7238 Autum View Way  
Powell, TN 37849-4839

### January 16

Shirley Wallace-Morgan  
4305 Mockingbird Ln  
Knoxville, TN 37918-4322

### January 20

Martha Fortune  
811 Westborough Rd  
Knoxville, TN 37909-2136

### January 21

Carl Burkhalter  
11805 Autum Leaves Ln  
Knoxville, TN 37934-4710

### January 22

Clara Turner  
6801 Middlebrook Pk  
Knoxville, TN 37909-1152

### January 22

Bill Wallace  
3108 Saratoga Dr  
Knoxville, TN 37920-3741

### January 28

Blanche Gaither  
1131 Highgrove Garden Way  
Knoxville, TN 37922-1467

## Staff Celebrations

### Staff Birthdays

Susan Tatum, January 14  
Jim Snell, January 16  
Christy Clauss, January 18  
Herman Weaver, January 25

### Work Anniversaries

Christy Clauss, January 1, 2010  
Ben Winder, January 6, 2013  
Kim Pieratt, January 10, 2000  
Vanessa Moore, January 14, 2013

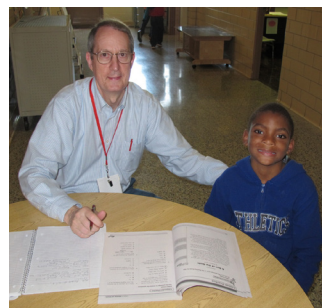
## January is National Mentoring Month



In honor of National Mentoring Month in January, we want to say THANK YOU to all our Mentors and their Prayer Partners who are making a difference in the lives of at-risk children at South Knoxville Elementary School. We are so happy to have 27 mentors who are giving one hour a week to make an impact on 27 children at South Knoxville Elementary. These mentors ALWAYS have a smile on their faces as they leave the school. Our mentors at South Knoxville are: Dan Andrews, Perry Austin, Al Blakley, Patrick Cunningham, Dianne Forry, Peggy Gates, Trecia Hardin, Dickie Kaserman, Andrew King, Russ Linger,

Carol Linger, Ann Mabe, Carolyn Monday, Betsy Pickle, Elaine Rhodes, Jaye Sandercock, Marie Sims, Kathy Unger, Allen Ware, Carolyn Weigel, Barbara Woodard. Our newest mentors are: Bill Coley, Bob Calloway, Jim Moore, Kay Reed, Sylvia Williams, and Betsy Miller. Waiting to be matched with a child is Mark Coffield. Other mentors who have moved on to other schools or are community-based with their children are Greg Reed, Mary Anne Hoskins, and Dianne and Marion Graybeal, Barbara Butler, Betty Coley, Steve Madden, Cyndy Cunningham, and Kim Pieratt.

There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville. Will you consider using one hour per week and dedicate it to a child in need? Mentors are positive, fun, faithful, encouraging, a listener, a helper, and a friend. Anyone who has the love of God in their heart can fulfill these attributes of a mentor. We have boys and girls on the list who need a mentor very soon. We will have a training class as soon as possible so that the new mentors can begin as soon as school starts back in January. See Carol Linger or contact her at 963-9993 or [rlinger185@aol.com](mailto:rlinger185@aol.com) to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.



## Thank You!

To everyone that helped make Christmas Brunch a wonderful day, **THANK YOU!** We served at least 760 folks! A special thank you to Emily Plemmons, Laura Beth Winder, Dan Andrews, Gracie Bishop, Tere Atwater, and Emagene Reagan, who were this years Christmas Brunch Coordinators and Assistant Coordinators. It was a great day of serving and showing God's love to our community.

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## WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)

Welcome to 2014 and Women on Mission. We will not meet on January 7, 2014 at the church. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home, and around the world. We look forward to our next meeting on Tuesday, February 4, 2014. We hope you will plan to join us. Joy Claybrook will be our speaker on February 4.

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## Young Adult Winter Fellowship

*Saturday, January 11, 5 pm*

Mark your calendars! We're having an all-Young-Adult gathering on Saturday, January 11, at the home of Megan and Monte Miller. Come spend an evening with people you know and get to know those you don't. This evening is open to all young adults -- college-age and young professionals to young families. We'll also hear briefly from Scott as he outlines some hopes and plans for the New Year. Make sure you're there and start 2014 off right. For more details or to RSVP for childcare, please contact Scott Claybrook ([sclaybrook@fbcknox.org](mailto:sclaybrook@fbcknox.org)). Folks are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks and 'main course' will be provided!



## Flower Ministry Team Meeting

The Flower Ministry Team will meet on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 6 pm in the Money classroom. We will be planning and organizing for 2014. Anyone interested in arranging flowers for the sanctuary and helping with the work of this team is invited to join us that night. Thank you!

Karen Smith and Sydnor Money

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## Knitting Club

The Knitting Club will not meet in January due to the Holidays. We will be meeting the first Thursday of each month thereafter.

## Youth Week 2014 - January 20-26, 2014

Each year we give our Middle School and High School students the opportunity to experience the various leadership positions within First Baptist. For one week, Youth Ministry @ 1B students will fill the roles of ministers, staff, and lay leaders within the church. They will attend staff meeting, "shadow" their real-world counterparts throughout the week, teach Sunday School classes, and lead a special worship service. This year's Youth Week Youth-led Worship Service is Sunday, January 26, 6 pm in the Sanctuary. Please make plans to come support our youth in this special tradition.

## MERGE 2014 - Disciple Now

January 31 - February 2, 2014

### What is Disciple Now?

D-Now is a Youth Ministry @ 1B weekend event each winter. Students spend the weekend serving, worshiping, and growing in their discipleship together. During the weekend students are connected in small groups by age and gender. These small groups stay together at host homes across the city and participate in Bible study and discussion with First Baptist college students. We have a great deal of fun, merge with other youth ministries from across the city for worship services, and serve at partner ministries in Knoxville. The idea is to grow as disciples and become better followers of Jesus! It is \$40 per student for the weekend - signup and grab your required forms in the Youth Suite.



### How can you be involved?

If you are interested in supporting D-Now there are great ways to do that - you could be a Host Home for the weekend to a small group (8-10 students and a couple of college leaders). You provide them a place to sleep (the floor works just fine!) and have their gatherings for discussion and prayer. The Youth Ministry provides their food and the college leaders manage the Bible study times. You serve as a gracious Host Home from Friday night through Sunday morning. If you are a college student you, could serve as a Small Group Leader. You invest in the lives of middle school or high school students and lead the small group Bible study times - you also get to enjoy all our fun activities and serve alongside the students in your small group. To serve in these or other capacities contact Ben Winder, Minister to Youth ([bwinder@fbcknox.org](mailto:bwinder@fbcknox.org); 865-246-4663)

## January Calendar

1 Church Office Closed	All Day
7 Food Co-op	9 am
7 WOM	10 am
10 Mom's Connection	10 am
11 Y.Adults Winter Fellowship	5:30 pm
12 Lords Supper	8:42 & 11 am
21 Food Co-op	9 am
26 Youth Week Service	6 pm
31 DNOW	All Day

### Each Week

#### Sunday

Worship, First Community	8:42 am
Library Open	8:45 am
Deaf Sunday School	9:30 am
Hearing Sunday School	9:45 am
Deaf Worship, Chapel	11 am
Televised Worship (Broadcast on Fox 43)	11 am
High School Bible Study	6:45 pm

#### Monday

Yoga Class	1:15 pm
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#### Wednesday

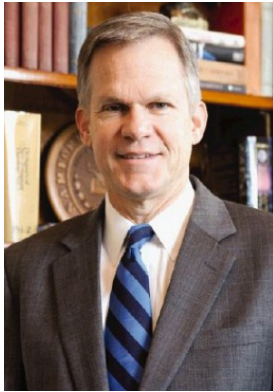
Bridge	11:50 am
Supper	5 pm
Children's Choirs and Missions Groups	5:40 pm
Middle School Mid-Week	6 pm
Prayer Meeting	6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Deaf Worship CTV	10 pm

#### Thursday

Golden Notes	10:30 am
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#### Saturday

Worship CTV	2:30 pm
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### **Please Welcome Dr. Brad Creed - January 5**

Brad Creed is Provost and Executive Vice President and Professor of Religion at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama. He is a native of Jacksonville, Texas, and received his education at Baylor University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He holds a PhD in the History of Christianity from Southwestern Seminary.

Prior to coming to Samford University, Dr. Creed served in the roles of Professor of Christian History, Associate Dean, and Dean at George W. Truett Theological Seminary of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, from 1993 – 2001. Dr. Creed is also the former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and has previously served as a youth minister and a church planter. He does frequent speaking for churches, conferences, workshops, and groups, and his writings and articles have appeared in journals, books, and other publications.

During the year 2000, Dr. Creed was the Scholar in Residence at the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington D.C., and Visiting Professor of Church History at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies in Falls Church, Virginia. He has been active in Baptist life having served on various state and national denominational committees, and has been the interim pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma, Virginia, Florida, and Alabama.

Dr. Creed is a member of the Birmingham Kiwanis Club and the 2004 Class of Leadership Birmingham. He serves on the Board of Directors of the International Association of Baptist Colleges and Universities, the Alabama Historical Association, the Lilly Fellows Program in the Humanities and Arts, and chairs the Academic Task Force for the Council of Independent Colleges and Universities. He is a member of the Dawson Memorial Baptist Church of Birmingham. Dr. Creed is married to the former Kathy Harton, also a native of Jacksonville, Texas, and they have two children, Charlie and Carrie Grace.

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### **Please Welcome Dr. Darrell Gwaltney - January 19, and 26**

Dr. Gwaltney serves as the Dean of the School of Religion at Belmont University. He teaches biblical studies, theology, and church leadership classes. He also teaches a Vocation and Christian Life class for all religion majors that explore questions related to life vocation and serving God. He is interested in religion and the arts and the many ways faith intersects with culture.

In addition to reading and working in his garden, he is an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He also is the proud owner of the unofficial School of Religion mascot, "Max."

## Welcome New Members



Van & Kay Fillingim

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### If the Weather Outside is Frightful

In the case of inclement weather on a Sunday, please call the church office at 546-9661, for an updated message about the Sunday schedule. Whatever the weather, the 11:00 am worship service will always be held. Updates to the Sunday schedule will be posted at [www.fbcknox.org](http://www.fbcknox.org) by 7:00 am on Sunday mornings as necessary.



**Wednesday Activities:** If Knox County schools are closed on Wednesdays due to bad weather, all regular Wednesday night activities will be cancelled. If inclement weather arrives during the day on Wednesday, please check with the church office 546-9661, or check the church website.

Groups that meet during the week will follow the same policy for Wednesdays; when Knox County schools are closed, meetings are cancelled.

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