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Andy Beam Bearden High School



Mack Burkhart Maryville Christian School



Lachlan Dickie Hardin Valley Academy



Sarah Henson Bearden High School



Emily Holcomb Christian Academy Of Knoxville



Davis Sexton Bearden High School



Andy Tatum Oak Ridge High School South Doyle High School



Bry Thorson



Sermon Preaching

First Community & 11 AM Worship

May 4 The Only Stranger Luke 24:13-35

May 11
A Different Model for Success
Matthew 20:20-28

May 18 A Seaside Breakfast John 21:15-19

May 25 A Generous Life 1 Chronicles 29:14-18

Minister on Call (865) 246-4650

May 2-4 Ben Winder
May 9-11 Scott Claybrook
May 16-18 Dave Ward
May 23-25 Susan Tatum
May 30-June 1 Pam Neal

Average Sunday School and Worship Attendance

March 23 - April 13

Sunday School	351
First Community	85
11 AM Worship	378
Deaf Worship	29
Passage Children's Worship	11
Combined Worship	501

Financial Summary

March 23 - April 13

Weekly Giving (Avg)	\$33,473.81
MTD Giving	\$71,981.63
Monthly Need	\$159,004.67
YTD Giving	\$435,127.88
YTD Need	\$505,400.70

First Impressions



There are certain markers along life's journey we rightly pause to celebrate together as a church family. One such marker occurs each Spring as graduations approach. We celebrate the achievements of our high school seniors as they prepare to embark on the next step of their journey.

This year's class is a gifted group, their future is bright, and God will continue to do incredible things in and through them in the years ahead. We will recognize our seniors in both services May 11; make plans to be part of our celebration that day.

We know High School graduation is not the only such marker along the journey, of course. There are other life transitions and significant occasions we celebrate together. Last year, we celebrated the first 170 years of our church history. This year, we celebrate Dave and Jo Ward's 50 years of ministry among us. All such celebrations are important times to reflect on all God has done among us, and begin to dream together about what God might do next.

We also know there are some markers on the journey we only see in hindsight. Those places where God begins a new work among us which forever shapes our future. This summer has the potential to be such a time for First Baptist Church. When First Baptist dedicated a new building on Gay Street over 125 years ago, the congregation proudly proclaimed to be "In the Center of the City with the Saviour." This summer we have the opportunity to renew our commitment to be a church in the city, for the city.

We will live out this commitment through House Prayer Meetings, where we will join together across our city to pray for the needs of our community and our neighbors. Our youth will spend a week on mission right here in Knoxville. All of us will strive together to be a church of disproportionate influence for the Kingdom of God in our city.

Our Gospel According to John experience these last several months culminates in one invitation. Jesus says, "Follow me." If you accept that invitation, you may look back at this summer as one of those markers along the journey, a place where God began to do a new work in your life and in your city, which changed both forever.

Blessings,

Ben Winder

Second Mile Birthdays

May 2

Caroline Hill 805 Shannondale Way, #137 Maryville, TN 37803-5972

May 4

Margie Jones 3155 Fountain Park Blvd. Knoxville, TN 37917-2906

May 5

Berta Self 3306 Avondale Ave Knoxville, TN 37917-1617

May 10

Nell Zavels 10610 Emory Rd Luttrell, TN 37779-2934

May 12

John Shea 2004 Max Luther Dr. NW, #508A Huntsville, AL 35810-3854

May 12

Emily Dempster 7350 Middlebrook Pk #216W Knoxville, TN 37909-3138

May 30

Aileen Horner 3407 Tazewell Pk, Knoxville, TN 37918-2534

May 31

Lewis Horner 3407 Tazewell Pk, Knoxville, TN 37918-2534

Congratulations and Best Wish to our 2014 College Graduates

Members

Benjamin James Decker

Master of Science in Health Administration Master of Business Administration University of Alabama, Birmingham Son of Jim and Michelle Decker

Tyler Johnson

Bachelor of Music Trombone Performance University of Tennessee Son of Mike and Jan Johnson

Adam Joseph King

Master of Library and Information Science University of Tennessee Son of Steve and Terri King

Jim Mabe

Bachelor of Science in Psychology University of Tennessee Son of Jamie and Jennifer Mabe

Ryan Plemmons

Bachelor of Arts in English Samford University Magna Cum Laude Son of Jim and Emily Plemmons

Michelle Elyse Shirley

Master of Education in Special Education Texas Christian University Magna Cum Laude Daughter of Cliff and Pam Shirley

Megan Turner

Master of Divinity Mercer University, McAfee School of Theology Daughter of Daryl and Jan Turner

Kristin Wilson

Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Walters State Community College Daughter of Debby and Brian Daniel

Lydia Prevost

Bachelor of Arts Behavioral Neuroscience Centre College Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa Daughter of LuAnne Prevost, Gibbs M. Prevost Jr., and Susan Prevost



Staff Celebrations

Birthdays

Ben Winder, May 3

Anniversaries

Brian Daniel, May 1, 2012 Debby Daniel, May 26, 2008 Robbie Scarbro, May 26, 2013 Felix Latham, May 31, 2012

Friends and Family

Emily Irene Gaut

Master of Public Health in Public Policy and Administration Minor in Epidemiology University of Tennessee Daughter of Charlie and Martha Gaut Granddaughter of Charles and Ella Gaut Niece of Teré G. Atwater

Jake Darlington

Bachelor of Business Administration Analytics and Marketing University of Tennessee Grandson of Bill and Bobbie Christenberry

Hailey Elizabeth Ward

Bachelor of Science in Psychology Minor in Liberal Arts University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Daughter of Mark and Rhonda Ward

Eggstravaganza 2014: What You Didn't Know

Saturday, April 12, was the perfect day for an egg hunt! God blessed us with absolutely gorgeous weather! The front lawn of our church bustled with children and families enjoying bounce houses, crafts, face painting, popcorn, snow cones, and delicious refreshments. The front lawn of the City-County Building rang with laughter and shouts as over 6,000 plastic eggs were retrieved and opened to see what treat was inside. The story of "He Is Risen" was shared as the true meaning of Easter. It was indeed a wonderful morning for both our church family and many of our community that joined us!

There were chapters to this story that you probably do not know. The first involves a team of ladies that meet weeks before to make sure that plastic eggs are stuffed, counted, bagged and ready to hide on that morning. This year that involved over 6,100 eggs. These wonderful volunteers go about their task quietly and humbly but with such willingness! Thank you Ethel Powell, Lois Rice, Beth Nagel, Virginia Bounds, Yvonne Satterfield, and Lanita Rorrer. Thank you FBC family for providing eggs and candy to make this possible.

Another chapter evolved that morning. A family came upon the event as they were walking downtown with their two boys. Unfortunately, they had missed both hunts but were invited to join in the other activities. As the word spread that we needed some extra eggs for these children, our children responded with comments of "Oh I have too many eggs. I will be glad to share!" "They can have some of mine!" One child sought out the children and gave them his entire bucket of eggs! What an incredible display of love and compassion by our children. The family was overwhelmed!

There were many other encounters that morning that impacted lives. Relationships were formed and Christ's love was shared. Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers that made this possible by giving up their Saturday morning to reach out to our community.















SuRFN' - Summer Reading Family Night

Wednesday evenings, 5 -7:30 pm, May 21- August 13

This summer reading program is designed to give families an opportunity to spend some quality time together reading in our wonderful FBC library on Wednesday evenings during the summer as well as at home. Some weeks we will welcome "special guests" that will read to everyone. We will have a "Pajama Party with the Pastor" one week as well! Children will turn in a slip with each book returned in order to record the number



of they pages read or had read to them. There will be special prizes for the top readers! Stop by the library and get your child signed up before May 21st.

ALL AGES AND FAMILY MEMBERS MAY PARTICIPATE!

Serve the City

Sometimes God replaces our good plans with something better. Such a thing has



happened with the summer plans for Youth Ministry @ 1B! What was once the "Serve the Cities" Chapel Choir Mission Tour has been replaced with "Serve the City," a week-long mission engagement week for our students right here in Knoxville!

Our middle and high school students will make First Baptist their home June 1-7. We'll spend the week serving our city with the love of Jesus. We will serve with several local ministry and mission partners, bring joyful songs and smiling faces to local nursing homes and hospitals, and learn more about all God is doing in our city. There will also be some fun excursions included throughout the week.

This mission experience is free, but space is somewhat limited. Be sure to sign up soon! For more information, contact Ben Winder, Minister to Youth.

Women's Fellowship - "Celebrating Our Story"

Sunday, May 4, 12 pm, Trentham Hall

How has God shaped your life story? What role do I play in God's story? How can I use the story of my life to share the story of Jesus with others? If you've ever asked these questions, then you need to be at our upcoming Women's Fellowship. Sponsored by Women on Mission



(WOM) and Dwell Young Adult Ministry, the Women's Fellowship is an event for all women. Make plans to join us as Beth Ogburn leads our time of conversation and reflection. Please RSVP to Charlotte Damewood at 865-933-6121 or (damewood@localnet.com).

** Participants are asked to bring a children's book (K-5) to donate to South Knox Elementary as part of the event. Donations will be taken to cover the cost of the meal.

Spring Square Dance

May 9, 6:30-8:30 pm in Trentham Hall

Everyone is invited to a night of square dancing May 9, 6:30-8:30 pm, in Trentham Hall! No square dancing experience is necessary! All ages will join together for this FREE night of fun with the church family! Make plans to join us!

Time is Running Out!

Kids Camp is almost here! June 11-14 at Camp BaYo Ca. All forms and payments are due **Sunday**, **May 18!** The total cost is \$190. Forms may be downloaded online from the Children's Ministry page on our website or see Susan. Several spots must still be filled, so get your third - fifth grader signed up as well as their friends!



May Calend	ar
1 Knitting Club	12:30 pm
4 Woman's Fellowship	12 pm
5 FISH	9 am
6. Food Co-op	10 am
7 All Missions Night	5:40 pm
9 Mom's Connection	10 am
9 Spring Square Dance	6:30 pm
11 Senior Recognition Brun	nch 9:45 am
11 WHS Baccalaureate Ser	vice 4 pm
13 WOM	10 am
14 Missions Recognition Se	ervice 6 pm
14 MSMW Messy Games	6 pm
20 Food Co-op	10 am
22 Mom's Connection	6 pm
26 Church Office Closed	All day
Each Week	
Sunday Worship, First	
Community	8:45 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
Chapel Choir	5:30 pm
High School Bible Study	6:45 pm
Monday	
Yoga Class	1:15 pm
Wednesday	
Bridge	11:50 am
Middle School Mid-Week	6 pm
Bible Study	6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Thursday	
Golden Notes	10:30 am
Saturday	
Worship CTV	2:30 pm
Deaf Worship CTV	10 pm

Women on Mission

Tuesday, May 13, 10 am

WOM is meeting on Tuesday, May 13, due to a Golden Notes singing engagement on May 6. Our mission study will begin at 10 am. Next, at 11 am, we will have our monthly meeting and program. Our program is about the recent Day of Service in which members of our Young Adult and Adult 5 Sunday School classes participated. Lunch (\$6) will be served in Trentham Hall following the program. We hope you make plans to attend.



Scoop & Swim

Sunday, June 22, 6-8 pm

Our most popular Fellowship event is back! Join us June 22, 6-8 pm at The Beach at CourtSouth on Alcoa Highway for swimming, games, good food, fun, and HOMEMADE ICE CREAM! The church will provide fried chicken and everyone is asked to bring a side dish or a freezer of homemade ice cream.



You might also want to bring a lawn chair and pop-up tent. Admission is \$5 per family.

Wilderness Escape: Where God Guides and Provides

VBS 2014, July 14-18, 9 am-12:15 pm, Ages 3 years – 5th grade completed

This summer's VBS will be an amazing experience into the wilderness. We will join Moses as he and the Israelites escape Egypt and travel to parts unknown—trusting God all the while! We will travel in "tribes" as we visit Moses' Tent to experience some amazing adventures with him. We



will also visit the Israelite Camp to learn skills and crafts from the Israelites themselves in their desert camp! We will open and close each day with high energy, fun-filled celebration experiences for adults and children.

Needless to say, this is one of our best opportunities to reach out to all children and invite them into our church to participate, but we need around 100 volunteers to make it happen. Please mark your calendars and plan to volunteer in some way during this week. You will have several opportunities to sign-up.

Please contact Susan Tatum at statum@fbcknox.org to volunteer. We need adults, as well as youth, so plan to join us on our Wilderness Escape!

Kids Camp Staff

June 11-14

Each year our youth staff our Kids Camp at Camp BaYoCa. This year's camp is June 11-14. To serve on staff, you must have completed 8th grade by the time of camp and attend the four (4) mandatory training meetings (April 27 & May 18, 12-2 pm; May 21 & 28, 6-8 pm). If you are interested in serving on Kids Camp staff, sign up in the Youth Suite.

How Can We Say Thanks...

For all the gracious ways you have expressed your love to and for us – you have cared for us as family. Volumes would be required to enumerate the countless ways you have expressed your love – your daily affirmations – the gracious luncheon in November – and the recent reception when you named the Education Building for us. Please know how thankful we are that you have honored us by letting us serve God with you these 50 years.

Acrostically speaking...

T: Thanks, thoughtful, talented, terrific, our "treasure"

H: Head-and-shoulders above any other church, happy, great "hugs"

A: Affectionate, always available, awesome

N: Noble, nurturing, nice and neat

K: Kind, know the gracious thing, like "kinfolks"

S: Sweet, smart, supercalifragilistic, and we thank God for you daily.

We love you, Dave & Jo Ward

Welcome New Members



David and Amy Campbell



Gray and Mamie Sullivan

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