

# First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

November 19, 2014



## A Word of Thanks from Tom

This past week I had the opportunity to see our church family at its very best. It seemed every time I turned around, I was a witness to you loving each other and serving those around you.

I watched as you came in with love and compassion to support Dorothy Bryson as Bob's medical situation became more complex. With the word of Bob's passing on Thursday morning, you responded with meals, calls, and encouragement. On Friday night we hosted a full house for Mary's Gift. A great team worked with Susan to help pull together a night that most of our children will never forget. On Sunday afternoon we ordained eight new deacons and commissioned four others. You were there to pray over these eight - to bring them words of blessing - and to lay hands on them as a symbol of your support. I also want to thank the staff - every part of the staff - for rising to the occasion and stepping in to empower each of these ministry expressions and more. Well done!

You were a living demonstration of the love of Christ. Thank you! I thank God for the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

## Read for 20

South Knoxville Elementary has asked for our help! During their after school care program they are in need of volunteers who can come and give an hour once a week to their "Read for 20 Program." Volunteers would work with one to two children on reading skills and comprehension during the first 20 minutes of the hour. If they wish, they can stay with the children on a chosen reading activity. Slots are available on Mondays from 3:00-4:00 pm and Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 pm. Beginning November 18, there will be a 2:45-3:45 pm slot open. Please contact Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) if interested.

## Mom's Connection

*This Thursday evening, November 20, 6:00 pm in the Blue Room*

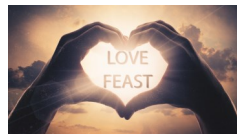
Join us as we share some holiday traditions and possibly make some new ones. Contact Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) to RSVP for Childcare by Wednesday, November 19. Bring a finger food and come join us!



## Love Feast

*Sunday, November 23, 11:45 am, Trentham Hall*

One of our most popular fellowship events of the year returns This Sunday November 23 immediately following the 11:00 am worship service! Join us for a full traditional Thanksgiving spread and thankful reflection on how God has been at work in our church family this year. Everyone is invited to bring a dessert to share. Regular Wednesday evening prices apply.



## Christmas Caroling

*Friday evening, November 28*

Our church has been invited to go Christmas Caroling in Downtown Knoxville on Friday, November 28. It is the kick-off of the Christmas Season on Market Square and the City of Knoxville Christmas Tree will be officially lit at 6:15 pm. Immediately following we will be able to walk the streets of Downtown singing Christmas songs as several of the main streets will be closed for the festivities. There will be lots to do including children's activities throughout the night. All are welcome to join us. Please meet at the church at 6 pm, and we will head to Market Square to sing and spread Christmas cheer. Please let Pam know at [pneal@fbcknox.org](mailto:pneal@fbcknox.org) if you would like to participate. This is a great opportunity for our church. Come join the fun!

## Hanging of the Green Service

*Sunday, November 30, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary*

The Hanging of the Green service is Sunday evening, November 30 at 6:00 pm. This year will be both familiar and new as we build upon the traditions of the past. The Sanctuary will be dressed in advance as we gather for a great night of music from across the life of the church. We will enjoy a warm and engaging service with performances from our age-graded choirs, soloists, instrumentals, and the First Community Praise Team. Please join us as we usher in the Advent season. Childcare for ages three and under is available. RSVP to Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org)



## Christmas Brunch T-Shirts

Christmas Brunch T-shirts will be on sale in the library on Sunday, November 30 and Sunday, December 7 in the crossover hallway. Shirts will cost \$6 each. Please make checks out to First Baptist Church; in the memo line write "Christmas Brunch T-shirts."

## WOMEN ON MISSION (WOM)

*Tuesday, December 2, 10:00 am, Room 302*

Come to our mission study at 10:00 am followed by our monthly meeting and program. This month Dr. Joe Chandler will be speaking to us about Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, their needs and what they offer to their residents. Please join us for this informative meeting and program. Lunch (\$6) is served in Trentham Hall following the meeting. Childcare is available by reservation. Please contact [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) by November 30 if you would like childcare during WOM.



## Christmas Card to the City

*Sunday, December 7, 3:30 pm (Rehearsal at 2:00 pm)*

We'll be traveling to Market Square to perform carols and songs for the downtown community. Join us in worship the morning of December 7 as our Sanctuary Choir offers a morning of Christmas music and worship, then stay for the afternoon as our church offers an afternoon of music to our Downtown community. Along with many of our other musical groups, **this event will feature an open church-wide choir, so we need your voice!** Participation in this event is open to all -- no auditions required. For more information or to signup, please email Steve Foster at [stevf\\_pattif@yahoo.com](mailto:stevf_pattif@yahoo.com).

## All Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting

*Sunday, December 7, immediately following the 11:00 am service, Sanctuary*

If you plan to volunteer with Christmas Brunch in any way, please plan to attend the All-Volunteer Christmas Brunch Meeting on December 7, immediately following the 11:00 service. If you plan to serve on the following teams, please plan to attend a brief breakout session immediately following the All-Volunteer Meeting: Escorts & Hospitality, Family Portraits, Sanctuary Greeters, or Trentham Hall Rovers.

## Christmas Brunch

*Saturday, December 13*

Christmas Brunch is on December 13 this year, which is less than one month away. We need your help to bring in donations of **blankets, children's sleeping bags, new 8x10 picture frames, and hygiene bags**. We have only received small amounts of each item so far. Please make all donations by **December 7th**.



This year in the boxes located at the elevators you will find Ziploc bags with lists in them. Please pick up as many bags as you can fill and bring back packed with hygiene items. Donations may be placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center and by the elevators. If you choose to give a monetary donation, please note in the memo line "Christmas Brunch". Childcare is available for children 3 and under. Please make reservations with Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org) by December 7.

**Attendance – November 16**

Sunday School	362
First Community	85
11:00 am	396
Deaf	21
Passage	21
Worship Total	523

**2014 Giving – November 16**

Weekly	22,995.98
MTD Giving	103,646.63
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,394,780.35
YTD Need	1,679,089.28

**MISSIONARY PRAYER CALENDAR**

Debby Bradley, Owensboro, KY; Charles Seligman, San Antonio, TX; Audrey Wilson, Durham, NC; Brooke, Southeast Asia; Kevin Crowder, Fredericksburg, VA; Angela Lowe, Lawrence, KS; Ralph Mikels, Jr., Seymour, TN; Jim Smith; Phoebe Angel, 2010, Belgium; Scott Blair, San Antonio, TX; Dana Durham, Sacramento, CA; Victor Perez, Knoxville, TN; Troy Petty, Palmyra, VA; Bert Sanders III, Winston-Salem, NC; Steve Sweatt, Birmingham, AL; Michael Cox, Elizabethtown, KY; John Lepper, Buckner, KY; Bob Pipkin, Virginia Beach, VA; Harry Rowland; Caroline Smith, South Africa; Shelia Earl, Emeritus; Earl Martin, Emeritus; Devita Parnell; Gail Smith, Hillsborough, NC; Cindy Wallace, Carpentersville, IL; Katie Anderson, Louisville, KY; Patterson Coates; Cris Avila, Newnan, GA; Marcia McQueen, Eden, NC; David Simmons, Harrisburg, PA

**Menus – November 26****Bridge***No Bridge (Thanksgiving Holidays)***Wednesday Supper***No Supper (Thanksgiving Holidays)***Sanctuary Flowers, November 23**

Flowers are given in loving memory of **Betty Wells** by her daughter, Elaine Rhodes.

**Minister On Call****(865) 546-9661****Press 9****In Service - Week of November 23****First Community Hospitality**

Dickie &amp; Fred Kassemann

**First Community Greeters**

Ethel Powell, John &amp; Lanita Rorrer

**Welcome Center Greeters**

Carol Stricklin, Mary Johnson

**Preschool Extended Care**

Michelle Decker, Latasha Wassom

**Monitor:** Larry Wassom**TV Ministry Team**

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

**Hospital Ministry Team**

Russ Linger, Charles Braswell

**New Member Ministry**

Jama Mosher, Lacy Wallace

**Outreach Deacon**

Susan Higdon

**TeleCare Ministry**

TBA

**PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 11/21/2014****Church Family****HOSPITAL**

Sara Baskin, Ft Sanders 828

**DISCHARGED**

Ron Neal  
Charles Ragsdale

**REHAB**

Steve King, NHC Farragut 379  
Charles Wallace, Brakebill 216  
Stanley Dziurzynski, NHC Oak Ridge 135

**OTHER REQUESTS**

Ruthie Johnson	Christmas Brunch
Maureen Pickle	Dorothy Bryson & extended family
Barbara Frei, diagnostic tests 11/21	Ron Neal

**IN MEMORIAM**

Dianna Stafford  
September 15, 1940 - November 18, 2014

Robert William Bryson  
February 7, 1954 - November 13, 2014

**NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK**

**Ben Atchley TN State Veterans Home** One Veterans Way (37931)  
David Shelby Room 317

**FRIENDS AND FAMILIES****HOSPITAL**

Carl Allen, Ft Sanders 919 - Jimmy Mitchell's brother-in-law

**DISCHARGED**

John Mann – former member  
Richard Kennedy – Laura Anderson's dad  
Juanita Moore, – extended family of Vanessa Moore  
Carolyn Tribble, NHC Farragut 355 (former staff)

**OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS**

Cassie Cooper, UVA Hospital (VA), skin graft – Dianne Forry's niece  
Briana Griffin, torn ACL – granddaughter of Virginia Griffin  
The family of Leona Baker, grief – friends of Becky Frye  
Kyla Douglas' mother, breathing issues – Kyla is a Music/Worship Intern  
Von Neubauer, balance issues/testing – Normalee Neubauer's husband  
Marilou, cancer – Patsy Belle's sister  
Margaret Cox (FL), health issues – former member  
Jay Claiborne, broken rib – Brenda Jinkins father  
Kristi Sebring, kidney failure – Wayne and Ellie Smith's daughter  
Sarah Kesterson (IN), chemo and radiation – Carolyn Nelson's sister  
Rita England, advanced ovarian cancer – Carol McEntyre's mom  
Carlton Cooper (VA), hospice – Dianne Forry's brother-in-law  
Jesse Phillips (SC), MRI showed mass on brain – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams  
Paula Stone – friend of Bettie Woolwine  
Jim, final stages of ALS and his wife Jonnie – friends of Becky Frye  
Ann Rader, cancer – friend of Sandy Hope

David Pice, multiple myeloma – friend of Barbara & Rusty Phillips  
Harold & Anne Kemp, dementia/assessments; Dianna Mercier & Kenny Kemp, caregivers – Dianna Mercier's parents  
Randy Tatum, chemotherapy issues – Alan Tatum's brother  
Phoebe Jaeger, skin cancer - Virginia Griffin's friend  
Mary Anna Rhodes, kidney failure – Ed Souther's sister (NC)  
Phyllis Slack – cancer; Tonya Lewis – cancer; Margaret Burnett (sister), heart complications – Roy and Gerry Garnett's friends and family  
Joel Garcia, chemotherapy – Victor & Patricia Perez's son-in-law  
Tom Axley, Sr., declining health - Tom Axley's father  
Salvation for Ramona Gregory's mother who is terminally ill  
Ida Mae Huff, recurring cancer, chemotherapy - Sylvia Williams' daughter / Tina Wright's niece  
Clark Turner (KY), multiple health issues – Sandy Hope's broth

**SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Chief Petty Officer Paul Kirby, US Navy, serving on USS Sterett – Donna Kirby's son

**MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS**

The Leaders of our Country, our City and our Church, The Un church'd & Missing, and our Music Minister Search Committee:

Bill Brewer, Chair	Jaynie Moore
Patrick Carmichael	Steve King
Emily Plemmons	Ruth Fuson
Chris Brock	Laura Beth Winder
Joe Easterly	Mary Ann Dent, Personnel Chair
Tom Ogburn, Staff	

**MISSIONS PRAYER REQUESTS****PRAYER REQUEST FROM MARC & KIM WYATT, CBF Advocates for Internationals, Research Triangle, NC**

Pray for those served by the Elon University Humanitarian Law Clinic. Heather S. leads a team of young lawyers who are helping asylum seekers with their immigration to the US. Heather has shared that many of those her volunteers serve live in an area in Greensboro, NC, which has been designated a "food desert" meaning no grocery store options for more than a mile from the low income housing in which her clients live. We have mobilized \$250 of grocery gift cards for her to share with some in need. Much more response is needed.

**PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MISSY WARD IN UGANDA**

Shelter residents: For God to transform and heal the refugee women and girls (Mary, Lilian, Melissa, Najwa, Patrick, Juliana, Daniella) currently in our shelter. Our prayer and hope is that they would experience the height, depth and breadth of God's hope, love and grace and that they would be empowered to live out the purpose for which God has created in them.

Refugees (both individuals and families) in crisis: Even though refugees experience relative peace and stability in Uganda, they often face incredible challenges and hardship as they attempt to rebuild their lives here. Many face discrimination, abuse, exploitation, extreme poverty, homelessness, etc. Our social work ministry works with individuals and families from our Refugee community center who are in crisis. Please pray for God's provision of healing, peace, comfort and love for those who are in crisis within our community. (Please pray specifically for: Zainab, Houda, Amal, Sidi, Faatima and Soso)