

## First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

December 10, 2014



### REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel

This week we continue the REDEMPTION series with a sermon entitled, "A Voice from Heaven" from **Matthew 3:13-17**. This is the story of the baptism of Jesus. This event is so important that heaven is ripped at the seams so that we might see the act of the Son, the voice of the Father, and the symbolic presence of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of Jesus is an act that demonstrates fully the humanity of Jesus and the unity of God for the sake of salvation. This Advent message is that the story of Jesus is a story of one that is wholly us - that he might walk with us - and wholly God that he might redeem us. Ben Winder will preach as a part of the First Community Service and I will preach in the 11:00 service. Please visit [www.fbcknox.org/redemption](http://www.fbcknox.org/redemption) for these and more! This week's passage for reflection is Matthew 3.



### 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.

### Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 13

If you need childcare for children ages 3 and under, please make reservations with Susan Tatum [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).

We are still in great need of donations for Christmas Brunch. 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 12th. We need 500-700 of each item. We need your help.

#### The current count is:

Hygiene Bags - 319

Blankets - 111

Sleeping Bags - 28

Picture Frames - 70



If you choose to give a monetary donation, please note in the memo line: "Christmas Brunch".

### 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](mailto: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

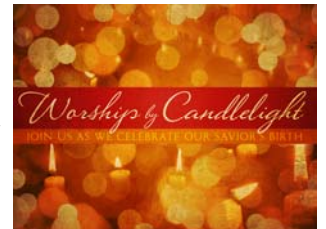
Thursday, December 18, 5:30 pm, Trentham Hall

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!

### 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!

**Attendance – December 7**

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

**2014 Giving – December 7**

Weekly	53,474.04
MTD Giving	53,474.04
Monthly Need	159,004.67
YTD Giving	1,571,014.73



**Menus – December 17**

**Bridge**  
*Breakfast for Lunch*

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

**Minister On Call**  
**(865) 546-9661**  
**Press 9**

**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

**Mug Ministry**  
**Front Door (front porch)**  
11:00 Pam Shirley

**Welcome Center**  
11:00 Betty Coley

**PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 12/11/2014**

CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Sara Baskin, Ft Sanders 406

DISCHARGED

John "Jack" Reynolds  
Courtney Wright

REHAB

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

OTHER REQUESTS

Ruthie Johnson Christmas Brunch  
Elizabeth Dryburgh Dorothy Bryson & extended family  
Patsy Long, pacemaker replacement at Vanderbilt before Christmas

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  
Jefferson City, on December 5.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

DISCHARGED

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

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Eric Berry and family – friends of Judy Constantine  
Lyn Kells, aggressive breast cancer/salvation (NH) – Sallie Keaton's  
friend

Cassie Cooper, UVA Hospital (VA), skin graft – Dianne Forry's niece  
Briana Griffin, torn ACL – granddaughter of Virginia Griffin  
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  
Jay Claiborne, broken rib – Brenda Jinkins father  
Kristi Sebring, kidney failure – Wayne and Ellie Smith's daughter  
Carlton Cooper (VA), hospice – Dianne Forry's brother-in-law  
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  
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 brother

SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Paul Kirby, US Navy – Donna Kirby's son

MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

The Leaders of our Country, our City and our Church, The Un-  
churched & 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**  
It is a busy time indeed. Please pray for us as we share the mission  
story with churches across North Carolina as a part of their CBF  
Offering for Global Missions.