

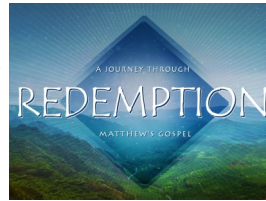
First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

January 7, 2014



REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel

Read Matthew 9 & 10. This week's message is entitled, "An Invitation to an Outsider," and emerges from **Matthew 9:9-13** where Matthew introduces himself as a part of the gospel story. This is the story on which Matthew's gospel finds its heart. I will leverage the New Living Translation for this one because it speaks to how the religious leaders saw Matthew as "scum" but Jesus saw him with different eyes. It will be an invitation: 1) to know that God sees you as one valuable enough to merit the story of salvation; and 2) that we need to have the same eyes as Jesus that see people through the lenses of redemption rather than judgment. The twist of this passage is that those who considered themselves as insiders with God, find themselves on the wrong side of the gospel; and the one that was seen as an outsider, is welcomed as a disciple. This passage and the message is a reflection of the heart of my heart. I can hardly wait to share this passage with you. Please be praying for me as I continue to prepare the message, and that God might use this passage to open our eyes and our hearts to love as Jesus loves. For more, go to <http://www.fbcknox.org/redemption/>.



January Is National Mentoring Month

There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville Elementary School. Will you consider giving one hour per week to 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. You may pick up an application from the literature rack by the water fountain on the 3rd floor crossover. All applications need to be in by March 16. We will have a training class in May for mentoring in the 2015-16 school year. Contact Carol Linger at 865-963-9993 or rlinger185@aol.com, to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.



Knitting and Crochet Club

Thursday, January 8 12:30 pm, room 307

The Knitting and Crochet Club will meet in Room 307 at 12:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 8, 2015 and Thursday February 5, 2015. We will continue to meet in Room 307 at 12:30, the first Thursday of each month. Come and join us.



Ellie Holcomb

Sunday January 11, 6:00 pm, Tickets \$5.00

Our Concert Series continues with a benefit concert THIS Sunday, January 11th. Our featured artist will be Ellie Holcomb. Ellie is a remarkable musician who is a rising star. This is a ticketed event, with a ticket purchase price of \$5. All of the proceeds from this concert will be given to two of our church's featured community mission partners, the Volunteer Ministry Center and Compassion Coalition. You can buy tickets online at <http://give.fbcknox.org>, in Trentham Hall this Wednesday night, and on Sunday morning in the Welcome Center. I encourage you to get tickets sooner rather than later because we anticipate a great response from our community as word continues to get out about this event. Childcare is available for this event for children 3 and under. Please RSVP to Susan Tatum by Wednesday, January 7.



Check out the review of her latest album at

<http://thesoundopinion.com/2014/02/24/review-ellie-holcomb-as-sure-as-the-sun/>

MERGE - Youth Disciple Now

January 16-18, 2015

Disciple Now is a weekend in-town retreat where youth are hosted in church members' homes, investing time in small-group discipleship groups led by college students, join with other youth from across the city to worship and do mission projects together. It is a fun-filled, life-changing weekend. MERGE is \$40 per student. Forms are available in the youth suite or at fbcknox.org/youth/events/. All forms and fees are due January 11.



Grief Share

Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 pm

Many in our Church Family are hurting and struggling with grief over the loss of a loved one - a spouse, a parent, a sibling, a child, or other loss. Often we feel like we are alone in our grief. There is help. Grief Share is a new tool in our church to help us deal with grief. The group meets weekly for 11 weeks for a video and then discussion about all the different issues related to grief. The first group to complete Grief Share last Fall will tell you that Grief Share was tremendously helpful in their grief journey. Whether your loss is recent or has been some time ago, please consider being part of the next Grief Share that begins on Tuesday, January 27th at 6 pm. To reserve your spot, please call or email Pam at pneal@fbcknox.org. Let Grief Share make your grief journey easier.



Women On Mission (WOM)

Welcome to 2015 and Women on Mission. Our schedule for 2015 begins on Tuesday February 3, when our speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Bradfute Heizer, retired missionary to Russia. Ruth grew up at FBC Knoxville. Please continue to be in prayer for our missionaries at home and around the world. We hope you will join us.



Attendance – January 4

Sunday School	273
First Community	72
11:00 am	334
Deaf	16
Passage	No Passage
Worship Total	422

Menus – January 14

Bridge
Seafood Meal, Slaw, Salad,
Fries, Green Veggie

Wednesday Supper
Spaghetti Bake (Beef & Chicken),
Corn Pudding, Green Veggie,
Salad

Kid Hut Cafe
Spaghetti Bake, Green Veggie,
Fruit, Salad

Sanctuary Flowers for January 11
Flowers are given in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Maples and
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Forry,
parents of Dianne and Gary Forry
and grandparents of Leah Fisher.

Minister On Call
(865) 546-9661
Press 9

In Service - Week of January 4

First Community Hospitality
Dickie & Fred Kaserman

First Community Greeters
Ethel Powell, John & Lanita Rorrer

Welcome Center Greeters
Anne Scrivner, Virginia Bounds

Preschool Extended Care
Jama Mosher, Angie Lyon,
Linda Allen
Monitor: Matt Lyon

TV Ministry Team
Paul Ivie, Reba Green,
Marion Carter, Elaine Rhodes,
Charles Brooks, Tiffany Brooks,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team
Emily Plemmons

New Member Ministry
Spencer Hudson, Greg Reed

Outreach Deacon
Jake Breazeale

TeleCare Ministry
Sandy Wisener

PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 1/9/2015

CHURCH FAMILY

DISCHARGED

Betty Padgett
Larry Belle
Nancy Bracken

REHAB

Virginia "Penny" d'Armand, Elmcroft West 253
Harry Cowan, Morningview Transitional Care 128
Mary Ann Wallace, NHC Farragut 413

OTHER REQUESTS

Patsy Long, pacemaker replacement at Vanderbilt 1/26
Carolyn Nelson, fractured vertebra Ruthie Johnson

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

Mountain Brook Village 700 Markhill Dr, Sevierville (37862)
Lena Hines Room 5

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. H. Gerald Ballard August 1, 1931 – January 5, 2015
Date Joined: April 27, 1955

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO

Myra Nunley upon the death of her mother, Emma Rawls of Ashland
City, TN on January 2.
the family of Tom Axley, upon the death of his father, Thomas Axley,
Sr. of Maryville, on January 1.

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL

Grace Thurmond, scoliosis surgery/recovery (NM) – Steve Under-
wood's great niece

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Scott Long, cancer diagnosis – son of Raymond & Patsy Long/
friend of Joe and Betty Chandler
Mary Sue Huffaker, cancer diagnosis – friend of Mary Ann Dent
Jesse Phillips – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia
Williams
Harold Kemp - dementia, Vanderbilt ; Anne Kemp, Dianna Mercier &
Kenny Kemp, caregivers – Dianna Mercier's parents
Prayer for entire family – Beverly Norton
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
Jennifer Strevel, cancer throughout body – friend of Virginia Griffin
Marilou, cancer – Patsy Belle's sister

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
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
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

Pray for Victor. He is another Palms resident who is in great need. He suffers from physical and emotional illness. He is also a hoarder. Victor needs professional help. He does not currently have a place to relocate. Pray that he will say yes to the help he needs.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MISSY WARD IN UGANDA

Family grieving: Mohammad, a 40 year old man died within our community on Saturday, Dec. 6, from malaria. He is the second family member that this family has lost within the last four months. Please pray for their family as they grieve and mourn.

