

## First Baptist Church of Knoxville Life of the Church

March 4, 2015



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

This week's reading calls us to Matthew 22 & 23. You can find the video and the discussion questions at <http://www.fbcknox.org/redemption/>. Let me encourage you to make the time to read along with us so that this great gospel might have the fullest opportunity to speak into your life.



Last week's sermon took us into the streets of Jerusalem with Jesus. Now, we find Jesus surrounded, doubted, and questioned. This week's sermon is entitled, "Whose Son Is He?" and emerges from **Matthew 22:41-46**. It is one of the many times those in religious leadership questioned the authority of Jesus. We do not talk a lot about spiritual authority, but this passage invites us to take a closer look at the core issue which is on what authority we base our lives with Jesus. There are many who wonder if these stories are real, or if the gospel really matters. There are still others willing to embrace Jesus as Savior, but who wonder if the idea of "lordship" really matters. What about us? Who do we say Jesus is, not just inside the walls of the church, but in the way we live out our lives?

### Downtown Lenten Lunches

Wednesdays, 12 Noon

You are invited to join us during the lunch hour on Wednesdays throughout the Lenten season as we join with other congregations around downtown for times of ecumenical worship and reflection followed by a light lunch. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of lunch. The worship and lunches will be hosted by downtown churches on the following schedule:

- 3/11 - St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
- 3/18 - First Baptist Church
- 3/25 - First Presbyterian Church

### You're Invited | Veritas Forum on Genesis

Monday, March 9, 7 pm; University Center Ballroom; Free!

Veritas, an academic forum and ministry of InterVarsity, will be hosting a conversation on the book of Genesis. Dr. John Walton (Wheaton College Dept. of Biblical Studies) will discuss the origins of the Old Testament as a written text from an oral culture, and ideas about the authority of Scripture, with Dr. Erin Darby (UT Dept. of Religious Studies). Dr. Walton will also present a workshop on interpreting Genesis 1 and 2 in its context on Tuesday March 10 in the Hodges Library Auditorium at 7 pm. For more information on this event visit

<http://veritas.org/campuses/university-tennessee/>

### Harp Recital

Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm

The sanctuary of First Baptist will be the setting for a harp recital by **Knoxville Professional Harpist, Cindy Hicks**, on Thursday, March 12, 7:30 pm. Cindy will be accompanied by the Principal Quartet of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. The recital is open to the community and members of First Baptist have been given a special invitation to attend! Ms. Hicks has played in recent musical presentations with our choir and now returns to share this recital.

### It's Eggstravaganza Time Again!

Sunday, March 29, Noon

We are making some big changes and trying some new ideas this year, so take note! This year's date is **SUNDAY, MARCH 29** and this time is going to be a church-wide event for everyone! We will have barbeque out on the front lawn after the morning service, move inside to the Sanctuary for an Easter drama, and end with our annual Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn of the City-County Building. We will also have inflatables, crafts, games, and more! We want to celebrate the season of Easter and new life together as a church family, so mark your calendars and plan to join us! Watch for more details in next week's Life of the Church.



Eggstravaganza also means we will need lots of candy to fill several thousand plastic eggs! We ask that you help us by bringing in bags of pre-wrapped candy. The candy should be able to fit inside a small plastic egg and contain no nuts or peanut butter. You may leave them in the baskets in the halls beginning THIS SUNDAY! We are excited that our entire church family will be participating this year! To volunteer to help that afternoon, email Susan Tatum at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).

### Senior Adult Trip to Washington, D.C.

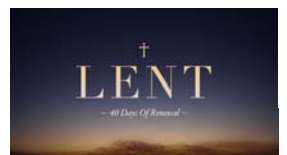
April 26 - May 1

The Golden Notes invite you to join them on a trip to Washington, D.C. for some fun. You don't have to sing with the group to enjoy the trip. Come enjoy the sights and the fellowship. For more details and to sign up for the trip, contact Steve Foster at [stevef\\_pattif@yahoo.com](mailto:stevef_pattif@yahoo.com) or (865) 803-5438, or Kim Pieratt at [kpieratt@fbcknox.org](mailto:kpieratt@fbcknox.org) or (865) 246-4655.



### Lenten Devotional Guide

Please take time to get one of the Lenten devotional guides written by those in our Young Adult ministry. They are really well-done and this is a great gift to our church family. Hat's off to Josh Durham and Scott Claybrook for bringing this dream to reality! Many thanks to Linda Walsh for serving as a final draft editor for them.



**Attendance – March 1**

Sunday School	339
First Community	79
11:00 am	378
Deaf	22
Passage	13
Worship Total	492

**Menus – March 11**

**Wednesday Supper**  
Variety of Wings, Baked Potato,  
Green Vegetable

**Kid Hut Cafe**  
Drumettes, Baked Potato,  
Green Vegetable, Fruit

**In Service - Week of March 8**

**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**  
Jama Mosher, Bobbie Ramsey,  
Linda Allen  
**Monitor:** Michael Ramsey

**TV Ministry Team**  
Ned Russell, Judy Cox,  
Sarah Bittle, Brad Bittle,  
Marion Carter, Reba Green,  
Seva Ball

**Hospital Ministry Team**  
Russ Linger, Matt Lyon

**New Member Ministry**  
Spencer Hudson, Scott Moore

**Outreach Deacon**  
Jim Plemmons

**TeleCare Ministry**  
Sherry Coffield

**Mug Ministry**  
Front Door (front porch)  
8:45 Leah Fisher  
11:00 Dianne Forry

Welcome Center  
8:45 Justin Fisher  
11:00 Jim Moore

**PRAYER LIST for Wednesday - 3/4/2015**

CHURCH FAMILY

HOSPITAL

Barbara Bozeman, Ft Sanders 559

HOSPICE

Mary Hodge, Shannondale Nursing 415

DISCHARGED

Alma Elliott

Jane Hall

OTHER REQUESTS

Bob Neff, at home

Carolyn Nelson Ruthie Johnson

Bob Breazeale Bill Brewer, chemotherapy

Pam Henry, shoulder repl Margaret Bowling, health issues

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Amy & Chris Medeiros upon the birth of their twin boys, Owen Christopher and Brayden Patrick on February 24.

Edith Jennings upon the birth of her great grandson, Paxton Reives Moreland on February 15 in Cumming, GA. Proud parents are Edith's granddaughter Bailey and Kevin Moreland.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO

Barry Wise, upon the death of his mother, Sue Carter of Knoxville, on February 24.

Janice Reeves, upon the death of her husband, Clay Jack Reeves of Crossville, on February 27.

NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

Shannondale of Maryville Assisted Living 805 Shannondale Way (37803)

Caroline Hill Rm 137 Family Phone: 865-379-2193

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL

Lara AnnaBeth Runyon (6 months/heart surgery), Vanderbilt Children's – friend of Karrie Smiddy

DISCHARGED

Patti Nilsen - Wanda Edmondson's sister

Martha "Doris" Derden to rehab – Jama Reischling's mother

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Marks, hip replacement rehab – Carolyn Nelson's friend  
Jackie Gould, cancer diagnosis/treatment – David Sink's mother  
Telephone request: Mr. Whitney Strange, ill since November, no diagnosis  
Esther Christian, tests for hearing loss – Beverly Norton's daughter

Matthew Stephens, Houston, TX, cancer treatments – friend of Diane Robinette

Jim Boswell, cancer – Wade Boswell's brother  
Friend of Bill and Bobbie Christenberry battling cancer  
Jimmy Williams, cancer treatment – Beth Ogburn's brother  
Scott Long, cancer treatment – son of Raymond & Patsy Long/  
friend of Joe and Betty Chandler

Patsy Long, heart issues – friends of Joe and Betty Chandler  
Mary Sue Huffaker, cancer treatment – friend of Mary Ann Dent  
Harold Kemp - dementia; Anne Kemp, Dianna Mercier & Kenny Kemp, caregivers – Dianna Mercier's parents

Lyn Kells, aggressive breast cancer/salvation (NH) – Sallie Keaton's friend

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  
Mary Anna Rhodes, kidney failure – Ed Souther's sister (NC)  
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, our Minister of Missions search process, 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 a new coalition of Fellowship churches and individuals who are ministering to NC asylum seekers. The network partners with the Elon University School of Law Humanitarian Immigration Law Clinic. (<https://www.elon.edu/e/law/academics/clinics/immigration-clinic.html>)

Pray for M., an asylum seeker in the Cary area; D., an asylum seeker in Greensboro; and B., a 10 year old asylum seeker in Davidson County.



**Sanctuary Flowers for March 8**

The flowers in the baptistry are in honor of the wedding of **Carolyn Leigh Coley** to **Russell Cary Miller** on March 7, 2015.

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



*Mark Your Calendars*

**Children's Ministry SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sunday, March 29**

Eggstravaganza, Family Event, 12- 2 pm

**Friday, April 10 – Saturday, April 11**

Sleep with the Sharks, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, Grades 1-5

**Wednesday, May 6**

Children's Choirs Spring Concert (All Choirs), 6 pm

**Wednesday, May 13**

Children's Missions Recognition, 6 pm

**Wednesday, June 10 – Saturday, June 13**

Kids Camp, Grades 3-5

**Monday, June 22 – Friday, June 26**

VBS, Ages 3 Years – 5th Grade