

A Journey Begins ...

Beginning on November 30, 2014, we as a church family will embark upon an unusual journey. From the first Sunday of Advent through Easter Sunday, we will travel together through the book of Matthew together. Each of our Sunday worship services and Wednesday Bible studies will focus on a different piece of Matthew's story. Yet what ties these individual moments together is a common theme, a theme which comes to dominate all of Matthew's gospel: redemption.

A Place for Story ...

Matthew's gospel story is one of redemption. As we will see in the coming months, Matthew time and again draws his reader's attention God's work of redemption among the people of the world. We believe that God continues His work of redemption today, and we want to tell those stories.

As our church family begins to turn its attention to God's work of redemption throughout our lives and throughout our world, we want to invite you to share your own story of God's redemption with us. In the coming weeks, this space will host stories of people from our church family who have encountered God's redemptive love first hand. If you would consider sharing your own story, we invite you to email us at redemption@fbcknox.org or send us a letter here at the church (First Baptist Knoxville, Attn: Redemption Stories, 510 W. Main St., Knoxville, TN 37902).

We pray that the coming months will lead you into deeper relationship with a Lord and Savior who is constantly working to redeem the world and us along with it.

With an eye towards redemption,
Your First Baptist Staff

Welcome to worship at First Baptist. We are so glad that you have joined us today. From the heart of downtown Knoxville, we are touching lives around the world, sharing the ministry and life of Jesus Christ. If you need further information about our church, or desire a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, our ministers will be available following the service at each exit.

Please prepare for worship by:

- Encouraging children five years old and older to worship using the printed supplements available.
- Taking advantage of our Preschool Extended Session designed specifically for children age 3 and under. Pagers are provided to communicate with parents in case of emergency. Children age 4 years -1st grade may attend Passage, our children's worship experience, after the children's sermon, or remain with their parents in the service.
- Noting that restrooms are located directly behind the choir loft.

Becoming a Member

You are welcome and encouraged to come to the front of the church to meet with a minister during the Hymn of Response to request baptism or to join the church. Or, you may simply call the church office to request an appointment with any minister.

**Hearing devices available in the Reception Office
courtesy of the Senior Adult Ministry.**



FIRST BAPTIST
KNOXVILLE

December 21, 2014 • 11:00 AM

Advent Worship

December 21, 2014 • 11:00 AM

LOVE

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Bell Prelude

Handbell Choir

The First Noel

arr. Plash

Directed by Bill Brewer

Choral Introit

Sanctuary Choir

Of the Father's Love Begotten

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*Responsive Call to Worship

Bill Brewer

The mighty God summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

Our God comes and will not be silent.

God calls, and we respond to His love.

The heavens declare God's righteousness.

We tell out God's glories

Offer up to God your Christmas singing

And God will hear our grateful praise to the Babe so dear!

*Processional Carol 137

Sing We Now of Christmas

French Carol

Words of Welcome and Greetings

Tom Ogburn

Children's Message

Susan Tatum

(Four year-olds, Kindergarteners, and First Graders who are attending Children's Worship:

PASSAGE will be escorted at this time to the Kids Connection hallway.)

The Advent Wreath Candle (Love)

Moore-Anderson Family

Reader 1: On this fourth Sunday of Advent we light the candle of love. We are reminded that it is God's great love that caused His Son to leave His throne and come to earth for us. God's love was so great that nothing could keep Him from sharing it with us.



PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR...

December 19, 2014

DISCHARGED

Sara Baskin

John "Jack" Reynolds

Courtney Wright

REHAB

Gloria Rodgers, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 478

Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473

Becky Hudson, NHC Farragut 414

OUR CHURCH FAMILY EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO

Lanita Rorrer upon the death of her dear friend, Dora McKee of LaFollette on December 15.

OUT OF TOWN HOSPITAL

Jesse Phillips, Greenville Medical Ctr (SC) – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams

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

MENU December 24, 2014



ATTENDANCE & GIVING December 14, 2014

Sunday School	365
First Community	78
11:00 AM	407
Deaf	18
Passage	17
Worship Total	520
Weekly	33,468.87
MTD Giving	86,942.91
YTD Giving	1,591,381.87

A detailed financial report is available in the library.

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

L & L Sweet Home Care
804 Atlantic Ave (37917)

Frances Andes,
Dorothy "Dot" McGlothlin

Christmas Brunch Volunteers

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this year's Christmas Brunch a wonderful ministry event. 741 people were served and loved on by our FBC family. To those that helped count donations before the brunch to those that were cleaning up after the brunch, it took everyone's hands and feet to make it such a successful day. Thank you!

Save the Date -- Ellie Holcomb

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

Make plans to be back at church on Sunday, January 11 at 6 PM! Singer/songwriter Ellie Holcomb will be our January concert series guest that evening for a special night of music. Tickets will be \$5 and all proceeds will go to benefit two of our ministry partners: Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC). You won't want to miss it!

MERGE - Youth Disciple Now.

January 16-18, 2015

During MERGE each year, youth ministries from across the city come together to worship, serve, and grow as disciples of Jesus over an fun-filled weekend! Our Youth Ministry @ 1B students stay in host homes provided by First Baptist members, where they participate in small group Bible studies led by college students. MERGE is \$40 per student. Forms are available in the youth suite or at fbcknox.org/youth/events/. All money and forms are due January 11. If you're interested in hosting students in your home for this important weekend contact Ben Winder (bwinder@fbcknox.org).

FBC Knoxville Contacts

To phone staff, dial (865) 246- plus the four-digit number found beside the staff member's name, or call the main number, 546-9661.

- Wendell Boertje, Interim Minister of Music (4668)
- Joy Claybrook, Director of Community Ministries (4661)
- Scott Claybrook, Young Adult Minister (4678)
- Pam Neal, Minister of Administration (4660)
- Tom Ogburn, Senior Pastor (4652)
- Susan Tatum, Minister to Preschool & Children (4666)
- Dave Ward, Pastoral Care Minister (4667)
- Ben Winder, Youth Minister (4663)

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In Service - Week of December 21

First Community Hospitality

Dianne & Don Rairdon

First Community Greeters

Barbara Phillips, Sylvia Williams

Welcome Center Greeters

Barbara Frei, Dent Young

Preschool Extended Care

Charlotte Damewood, Bobbi Ramsey
Jan Johnson

Monitor: Michael Ramsey

TV Ministry Team

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

Hospital Ministry Team

Karen & Richard Smith

New Member Ministry

Scott Moore, Reggie Keaton

Outreach Deacon

Jim Plemmons

TeleCare Ministry

Sherry Coffield

Reader 2: On this day we bring our gratitude
for His love and pray that our love
would be made more pure and strong.
"For God so loved the world that He gave His only son."

Lighting the Candle of Love

Response 82

Light the Light, the Fire of Life
(Refrain, Stanza 4, and Refrain)

The Anthem

Ring Peace On Earth
arr. Anna Laura Page

Sanctuary Choir and Bells

Christ is Born! Hallelujah! Christ is Born! Hallelujah!

Ring, ring the bells, bright silver bells. Ring out to say, "It's Christmas Day!"
Ring, angels ring, sing, shepherds sing, praises we bring, "Hail to the King!"

Ring, ring the bells, Carols we ring, anthems we sing,
Honor we bring our Lord and King. Ring, ring the bells, bright silver bells
Ring out to say, "It's Christmas Day!"

All we who hear, call loud and clear, tell far and near, Jesus is here!
Ring angels ring, sing shepherds sing, praises we bring, "Hail to the King!"

Hosanna, bells ring. Praise to the Lord and King.
Ring peace on earth, welcome the birth, ring in the morn, Jesus is born
Christ is Born! Hallelujah! On this morn, Hallelujah!

Ring, ring the bells, bright silver bells. Welcome the birth, Ring peace on earth,
All we who hear, call loud and clear, Tell far and near, Jesus is here!
Ring angels ring, sing shepherds sing, Praises we bring, "Hail to the King!"
Ring, ring, ring peace on earth. Ring peace on earth

Morning Scripture (Matthew 4:12-25)

Laura Beth Roberts

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali — ¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you out fishers of men." ²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people. ²⁴ News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed, and he healed them. ²⁵ Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

*Carol 122

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
IN DULCI JUBILO

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Bob Calloway

Choral Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

Noel Peace Canon
Ruth Elaine Schram

The Sermon

Daniel Headrick

“Immediate Obedience”
Matthew 4:18-22

Scriptural Response

Tom Ogburn

“Beginnings”
Matthew 4:23-25

*Christmas Praise 120

Emmanuel
McGEE

Opportunities at FBC

Pam Neal

Sharing of Public Decisions

Tom Ogburn

*Spoken Benediction

Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction

Sanctuary Choir

Arise, Arise
Tom Fettke

Organ Postlude

Mamie Sullivan

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
arr. Hustad

*Congregation is asked to stand



The Life of the Church

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

Next week we continue the REDEMPTION series with a sermon entitled, "**Salt and Light**" from **Matthew 5:13-16**. As we come out of Christmas and move toward New Year's Day, we come to the passage where Jesus talks about our place as Salt and Light. This is a good context to talk about who we want to become in the New Year. So many will be thinking of weight loss or abandoning bad habits, but this is an invitation to choose to move toward living lives of salt and light, of living lives that point others to God and that brings glory to God. Please visit www.fbcknox.org/redemption for these and more! This coming week's passage for reflection is Matthew 5.

Concert Series Shortfall

This season's Concert Series has been a huge success. It began with the Bluegrass and BBQ event, we welcomed Kyle Matthews, and filled our Sanctuary and sang out with the Festival of Hymns and Sacred Music with choirs from the University of Tennessee. The second half of the series is equally exciting. The new year will begin with a concert on January 11th to benefit Compassion Coalition and the Volunteer Ministry Center featuring recording artist Ellie Holcomb. February 15th will offer a remarkable worship experience with the American Spiritual Ensemble, featuring 30 leading African-American voices engaging with classic spirituals and songs of inspiration. March will feature a personal friend, Miriam Wallace. We conclude this season with the Pellissippi State Sacred Music Concert in April. This series has been funded by donors within our congregation so that we might offer it as a gift to our community. This year we still need about \$15,000 to finish funding this fabulous series. As you consider your year-end giving, might this be a place you invest in the outreach endeavors of our church?

Christmas Eve Service

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 pm

As is the tradition of the church, we will gather at 5:00 pm on December 24th for our Christmas Eve service. It will be a service of lessons and carols designed to help prepare our hearts and lives for the celebration of the coming of the Christ child. We will close in candlelight, sending us out in hope and expectation. Since it has become important to arrive early to secure seating, we will again offer a pre-service musical experience that will feature musical offerings from Mamie Sullivan, Jaynie Moore, and Debby Daniel. Tyler Johnson will be home from seminary and will also bring Christmastide musical piece. The pre-service music will begin at 4:30 p.m. This should prove to be a very special time together as a church family. **Childcare is available for ages 3 and under by reservation starting at 4:20 pm. RSVP to Susan Tatum today at statum@fbcknox.org.**

Christmas Week and New Year's Church Office Schedule

The church office will close at noon on Christmas Eve and will remain closed for Christmas Day and December 26 allowing our staff to enjoy time with their families. We will open on time on Monday, December 29 through Wednesday, December 31 until 5:00 p.m. each day. We will also have coffee, cider, and some sweet treats available in the Conference Room for those that come by during these last three days of the year. We will close for New Year's Day and reopen on Friday, January 2 on our normal schedule.

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. We will have both 8:45 and 11:00 am services however, there is no Passage at 11:00 am.

A Word on Year End Giving

We are approaching the time of year when generosity takes center stage in our nation. Over the course of the Advent and Christmas seasons, people will look for ways to express their gratitude with generous giving. Your prayerful giving through our church by year-end will cover the costs of ministry that have resulted in deeper faith, significant ministry and changed lives. The church office will receive your generous gifts through December 31st in order to count toward your 2014 charitable giving tax deduction. The church office will be open for the final three (3) days of the year until 5:00 pm. If you would like to drop your gifts and offerings off personally, we will have coffee, cider and sweet treats available in the Conference Room. I am grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family.