

### **A Journey in Company ...**

Our church is in the midst of pilgrimage. From the earliest of days, Christians have undertaken journeys of great potential and great peril in hopes of encountering God. We as a church family are in the midst of such an unusual journey. From the first Sunday of Advent through Easter Sunday, we are traveling 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. All along the way, we encounter the words and works of Christ who invites us further along in the journey of faith. What ties these individual moments together is a common theme, a theme that comes to dominate Matthew's entire gospel: redemption. We are thrilled you are able to take this journey alongside us.

### **A Place for Story ...**

Matthew's gospel story is one of redemption. As we continue to see each week, Matthew, time and again draws his reader's attention to 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 turns 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 [atredemption@fbcknox.org](mailto:atredemption@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 weeks 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

**W**elcome 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. Paggers 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.**



**January 11, 2015 • 11:00 AM**

# The Worship of God

January 11, 2015 • 11:00 AM

**Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor**

Organ Prelude

*Intrada*  
Ovid Young

Mamie Sullivan

Choral Introit

*At the Break of Day*  
Hymn 304

Sanctuary Choir

Prayer of Invocation

Scott Claybrook

\*Hymn 48

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
FAITHFULNESS

\*Words of Welcome and Greetings to One Another

Scott Claybrook

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.)*

Hymn 507 (seated)

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN  
(stanzas 2 & 3 will be sung unaccompanied)

Morning Scripture (Matthew 9:9-13)

Lacy Wallace

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

<sup>12</sup> On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

<sup>13</sup> But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'  
For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

## MENU January 14, 2015

### 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

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## ATTENDANCE & GIVING January 4, 2015

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

A detailed financial report is available in the library.

## PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR... January 9, 2015

### DISCHARGED

Betty Padgett  
Larry Belle  
Nancy Bracken  
Otha Winningham

### REHAB

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

### 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.

### NURSING HOME / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

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

**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 6:00 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.

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**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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**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

\*Hymn 496

*Footsteps of Jesus*  
FOOTSTEPS

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Mark Parsons

Organ Offertory

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*  
arr. Kenneth T. Kosche

Mamie Sullivan

Singing *The Doxology*

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Choral Anthem

*Before You I Kneel*  
Getty and Townend

Sanctuary Choir

Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker,  
To offer the work of my hands,  
For this is the day You've given Your servant;  
I will rejoice and be glad  
For the strength I have to live and breathe,  
For each skill Your grace has given me,  
For the needs and opportunities  
That will glorify Your great name.

Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness  
To cover the work of my hands,  
For patience and peace to shape all my labor,  
Your grace for thorns in my path.  
Flow within me like a living stream,  
Wear away the stones of pride and greed,  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me  
And a harvest of life is grown.

Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker;  
 Establish the work of our hands.  
 And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom  
 In ev'ry small and great task.  
 May we live the gospel of Your grace,  
 Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days.  
 Then our lives will bring eternal praise,  
 And all glory to Your great name,  
 And all glory to Your great name! Amen

The Sermon	<b>“An Invitation to An Outsider”</b> Matthew 9:9-13	Tom Ogburn
*Song of Response 497	<i>I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</i> ASSAM	
Opportunities at FBC		Ben Winder
Sharing of Public Decisions		Tom Ogburn
Pastoral Benediction		Tom Ogburn
Choral Response	<i>Calling</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Organ Postlude	<i>How Wide the Love of Christ</i> arr. Stephen Folkemer	Mamie Sullivan

\*Congregation is asked to stand



# The Life of the Church

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

**Read Matthew 11 & 12.** This week's message is entitled, "**For Whom Do the Rules Matter Most,**" and emerges from Matthew 12:1-8. This is the kind of passage that rarely finds its way into pulpits. It is the story of when the disciples find themselves hungry on the Sabbath and that they plucked heads of grains of wheat to eat. The Pharisees respond in condemnation reminding Jesus of the religious rules that were supposed to govern everyone. The core question that rises is, "for whom do rules matter most?" Jesus will teach that God desires more than rule followers - God desires mercy not sacrifice. Our walk with Jesus is ultimately more about who we are and the heart we have for others than religious rules that so often define us. 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](mailto:rlinger185@aol.com), to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.

## 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/](http://fbcknox.org/youth/events/). All forms and fees are due January 11.