



JESUS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

HOW TO STOP JUDGING AND
START LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE
11 AM SERVICE

11 am Service | August 8, 2021

Prelude | Brandon Coffey

I'd Rather Have Jesus | arr. Mark Hayes

Call to Worship Hymn 6

Creator God, Creating Still | ST. ANNE

Creator God, creating still, by will and word and deed,
Create a new desire in us to meet the present need.

Redeemer God, redeeming still, with overflowing grace,
Pour out Your love on us, through us, make this a holy place.

Sustainer God, sustaining still, with strength for every day,
Empower us now to do Your will. Correct us when we stray.

Great Trinity, for this new day we need Your presence still.
Create, redeem, sustain us now to do Your work and will.

Welcome | Chuck Powell

Promotion Celebration and Prayer

Congregational Hymn 653

Lord, You Give the Great Commission | BEECHER

Lord, You give the great commission: "Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You call us to Your service: "In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,
Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You make the common holy: "This My body, this My blood."
Let us all, for earth's true glory, daily lift life heavenward,
Asking that the world around us share Your children's liberty;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You show us love's true measure: "Father, what they do, forgive."
Yet we hoard as private treasure all that You so freely give.
May Your care and mercy lead us to a just society;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring: "I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gifts empower us for the work of ministry.

*During the last stanza, all children are invited to come to the front
and join Ms. Susan for the Children's Sermon.*

Children's Sermon | Susan Tatum

Scripture Reading (Matthew 7:1-5) | Pam Neal

¹ "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

School Year Blessing | Tim Boone

Special Music | Sanctuary Choir w/ Michael Rogers, solo

O Lord Most Holy | C. Franck

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty,
O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always.
Help us to know Thee, know Thee and love Thee;
Father, Father, grant us Thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.

Rule Thou our willful hearts, keep Thine our wand'ring thoughts;
In all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee;
And in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power,
Thine aid O send us; hear us in mercy.
Show us Thy favor, so shall we live, and sing praise to Thee.

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Jesus in Your Neighborhood: How to Stop Judging and Start Loving Your Neighbor | Matthew 7:1-5

Hymn of Response 435

Share His Love | SULLIVAN

The love of God is broader than earth's vast expanse,
'Tis deeper and wider than the sea.
Love reaches out to all to bring abundant life,
For God so loved the world His only Son He gave.
Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing of your faith,
And show the world that Jesus Christ
Is real to you every moment, every day.

All those who have trusted in God's only Son,
And hold this precious treasure in their hearts,
Seek ways to make it known to all who need to know
That God so loved the world His only Son He gave.
Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing of your faith,
And show the world that Jesus Christ
Is real to you every moment, every day.

We show the love of God each day we live,
Reveal Christ's presence in our lives;
And how the Holy Spirit guides us day by day,
For God so loved the world His only Son He gave.
Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you,
Share His love by sharing of your faith,
And show the world that Jesus Christ
Is real to you every moment, every day.

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Brent McDougal

Candidate for Licensing | Brad Keaton

Spoken Benediction | Brent McDougal

Sung Benediction | Richard Buerkle

He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me

I ask my dear Lord to brighten the way,
He whispers sweet peace to me.
He whispers sweet peace to me.
He whispers sweet peace to me.
When I am cast down in spirit and soul,
He whispers sweet peace to me.

For I could not see the right way to go,
When temptation o'er me roll.
He whispers sweet peace to me.
He whispers sweet peace to me.
When I am cast down in spirit and soul,
He whispers sweet peace to me.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Toccata in E Minor | Johann Pachelbel

Sanctuary Flowers

Given in loving memory of E. Hanby and Betty Smith
by their children David & Channa Smith,
Richard & Karen Smith, and Lacy & Ernie Husk.

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes next to the doors.

	June '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$187,332	\$1,901,506	
Expenses	\$169,242	\$1,652,248	Worship Total 293
Excess/Deficit	\$18,091	\$249,257	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

SPOTLIGHTON

YOUTH PROMOTION

G Stanley Hall observed 100 some odd years ago what he called a “holding period” between the carefree life of a younger child and the expectations and responsibilities of adulthood, i.e., the teenage years. While our teenagers seem far busier than they likely were then, there is still truth to this observation – our youth are not little children anymore, and they’re not adults yet.

These years are years of “finding” themselves, and the church coming alongside in that period is a crucial part of their development, not just spiritually, but emotionally and socially as well. Teenagers are looking for identity (who am I?), autonomy (how am I unique/different?), and affinity (what do I like and who are the people who share those likes?), and it’s our job to help guide them as they search for those things and to help root that searching in the Christian faith.

That’s why we celebrate these 6th graders today and make a big deal about welcoming them into the Youth Ministry. We are pledging to come alongside them in the next phase of their journey of faith.



I’m grateful to Susan and all others who have nurtured these young people thus far, and I am incredibly excited to see where these next years of walking the Christian life together take us all.

Church, please join me in welcoming these 6th graders as they take this huge step into the Youth Group. Pray for them, their parents, and all our youth workers and older youth as we work together to navigate these special years.

Blessings
Chuck

SERMONNOTES

"HOW TO STOP JUDGING AND START LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR" MATTHEW 7:1-5

Judgment of one another has become a kind of national pastime. We judge one another based on our clothes or our hair or our teeth or our language. We judge one another when someone has a job failure or a marriage failure. We judge the poor, thinking they're lazy, or judge the rich, thinking they're greedy. We judge people by the color of their skin or by the political sign they display in their yard. We judge people if they wear a mask or if they refuse to wear a mask. We've got a real problem with judgment.

So how can we stop judging and start loving our neighbors?

Jesus' words are clear: "Don't judge." But what is Jesus not saying?

-- He is not saying that you have to turn off your discernment or disregard your capacity for making wise and good decisions about who you hang out with.

"The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments..." (1 Corinthians 2:15, NIV)

-- He's not saying you have to compromise your convictions.

-- He's not saying that you don't need wise and loving people to point out your faults from time to time.

When Jesus said, "Do not judge!" He was calling out the habit of constantly finding _____ in what others do or say.

"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things." (Romans 2:1, NIV)

If you harshly _____ others, you can expect to be judged harshly by the Judge of all.

Two ways to stop judging your neighbor:

1. Self-evaluate before _____ others.

SERMONNOTES

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3-4, NIV)

2. Remember how much _____ you have been given.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV)

Two ways to start loving your neighbor:

1. When you feel tempted to judge someone, look for the _____ in them instead.

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8, ESV)

2. When you feel tempted to judge someone, _____ that person instead.

“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’” (Matthew 20:25-28)

What can you do to build a bridge with someone whom you tend to judge harshly?

How is God speaking to you today? What is your prayer?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Central Baptist Fountain City

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up Central Baptist Fountain City. On July 11, Rev. Ande Myers was called as their next Senior Pastor. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they move forward with new leadership.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Activities New Schedule

Adults Start Back: August 18 | Children & Youth Start Back: September 8

As we continue to navigate uncertain times, we believe we need to make a change in the upcoming Wednesday Night schedule. We had hoped to have a kick-off event on Wednesday, August 18, for all of the children, youth, and adult activities. Instead, we will move forward with Wednesday Night Supper and Adult Bible Study in Trentham Hall on August 18. Children's and Youth activities will be postponed until September 8.



COMMUNITY

Senior Adult News

Tuesday, August 24 | 230 Centre

There is a new Senior Adult Planning Team that is working to provide some activities for Senior Adults. This month, we will show the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on August 24 in 230 Centre. All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship! Other activities are planned, but let us know if you have some ideas for Senior Adult activities or would like to join the Senior Adult Planning Team!



COMMUNITY

Outdoor Baptism and Church Celebration

Sunday, August 29, 4:30-7 pm | Cove Lake State Park

Have you felt that God was leading you to be baptized but have not taken that step of faith? Join us for a celebratory outdoor baptism and church fellowship with games and other activities for children and youth. More details to come on food and other aspects of the gathering. Let Pastor Brent know if you would like to be baptized on this special day or if you want to know more about the importance and meaning of baptism. Email him at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org or see him after a Sunday service.



DISCIPLESHIP

Friends Sunday

Next Sunday, August 15

Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend or family to next Sunday's worship and/or Sunday School hour. We'll have special refreshments in Trentham Hall after contemporary worship and near the Welcome Center before and after Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to reach out to someone you have been meaning to invite to connect with our church family.



COMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunities in Children's Ministries

As we promote our children this Sunday and look forward to starting up Children's mission groups on September 8 (**Note the Date Change**), we find ourselves in need of some additional volunteers to reopen the Children and Preschool areas.

At this time, we need two volunteers to teach in our 2-year-old Sunday School class from 9:45-10:45 am each week.

We **must** have two adults to open this class. Materials and training will be provided.

We also need two male adults to assist Jim Bailey with our upcoming RA group of boys, which meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:25-7:15 pm. We **must** have at least two volunteers to begin this group on the 8th.

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities and contact Susan at statum@fbcknox.org if you can help out.



DISCIPLESHIP

College Sunday School

Sunday, August 22, 9:45 am | Dwell Suite

Sunday School for college students resumes August 22 at 9:45 am in the Dwell area. Breakfast will be provided. If you know a college student who is looking to plug in or if you would like to get involved, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



DISCIPLESHIP

Young Adult Small Group

Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm

If you are a college or graduate student or a young professional in Knoxville who is interested in a weekday small group, please join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Contact Tim Boone for the meeting information at tboone@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6 pm, In-Person/Zoom

Committees & Councils Meeting Night

Thursday, 7:30 pm, In-Person/Zoom

Church Council

Sunday, Both Services

Friends Sunday

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