



JESUS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

THE MYSTERY OF BAPTISM



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE
11 AM SERVICE

11 am Service | August 29, 2021

Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Praise the Lord Who Reigns on High | Douglas E. Wagner

Call to Worship | Sanctuary Choir

I Was Glad | Hopson

I was glad, I was glad when they said unto me,
"Let us go, let us go into the house of the Lord."
I was glad. I was glad.

Congregational Hymn 314

Let All the World in Every Corner Sing | ALL THE WORLD

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The heavens are not too high, His praises there may fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!
The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out;
But more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing: my God and King!

Ordinance of Baptism | Herrera Johnson

Welcome | Susan Tatum

Congregational Hymn 448

Come to the Water | KELLERIN

Come to the water on this holy day.
Our Lord has called us, we come to obey.
Follow the One who has shown us the way.
Live in God's kingdom forever.

Gathering under God's heaven above,
Brothers and sisters surround you in love.
God's Holy Spirit will come like a dove
Now to be with you forever.

God gives us water to spring through our years,
Water for life and the water for tears.
Though life runs dry and our hope disappears,
God will be with us forever.

Here as we meet at the water's face,
We come to celebrate wonderful grace.
And as we come, we discover our place,
Joined with God's family forever.

*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

Congregational Hymn 152

When Jesus Came to Jordan | COMPLAINER

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon, but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on Him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
This very day invade us, and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Scripture Reading (Matthew 3:13-17) | Evans Kirby

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Tim Boone

Special Music | Sanctuary Choir

Here Is Water, Lord | Martin

Here is water, Lord. Here is water, Lord.
With this sign we show our heart,
With this seal we're set apart.
Here is water, Lord.

Here is water, Lord. Here is water, Lord.
Gentle Spirit, Holy Dove,
Bring Your blessings from above.
Here is water, Lord.

Here is water, Lord.
Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod?
The river, with it's crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Shall we gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river?
Yes, we'll gather at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Shall we gather at the river?
Here is water, Lord. Here is water, Lord.
We commit our lives to you.
Wash us clean and make us new.

Here is water, Lord, wash us clean and make us new.
Here is water, Lord. Here is water, Lord.
Shall we gather at the river? Shall we gather at the river?
Here is water, Lord.

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Jesus in Your Neighborhood: The Mystery of Baptism | Matthew 3:13-17

Hymn of Response 591

All That Thrills My Soul | HARRIS

Who can cheer the heart like Jesus, by His presence all divine?
True and tender, pure and precious, O how blest to call Him mine!
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.

Love of Christ so freely given, grace of God beyond degree,
Mercy higher than the heaven, deeper than the deepest sea!
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.

What a wonderful redemption! Never can a mortal know
How my sin, though red like crimson, can be whiter than the snow.
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.

Every need His hand supplying, every good in Him I see;
On His strength divine relying, He is all in all to me.
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.

By the crystal flowing river with the ransomed I will sing,
And forever and forever praise and glorify the King.
All that thrills my soul is Jesus, He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand in my blessed Lord I see.

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Chuck Powell

Spoken Benediction

Sung Benediction Hymn 560 Stanza 1

Listen, Now We Tell a Mystery | HYMN TO JOY

Listen, now we tell a mystery, told by prophets long before;
We will all be changed forever; pain and death will be no more.
With the Spirit's healing power faith becomes reality;
We proclaim immortal glory far beyond what we can see.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on "Truro" | David Lasky

Sanctuary Flowers
To God Be the Glory.

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

	July '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$154,964	\$154,964	Worship Total 306
Expenses	<u>\$137,389</u>	<u>\$137,389</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$17,575	\$17,575	

SERMONNOTES

"THE MYSTERY OF BAPTISM" MATTHEW 3:13-17

What would you like to change? Maybe you'd like to change your appearance. Maybe you want to find someone to marry. Maybe you want your children to behave better, or you're seeking another step up the career ladder, or maybe to get onto a career ladder. Maybe you'd like to be more confident or funny, or maybe less angry or depressed, or less pushed around by your emotions. We all want to change in some way. But the problem with all of those changes is that they're not ambitious enough. God offers us something more- a much bigger and better change.

Baptism is a public picture of that dramatic change.

Here are four ways that we can walk in "newness of life:"

Baptism is a new _____.

"I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11, NIV)

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT)

Baptism gives a new _____.

"A voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.'" (Matthew 3:17, NIV)

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20, NIV)

SERMONNOTES

Baptism offers a new _____.

*“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”
(Ephesians 2:19-21, ESV)*

Baptism means a new _____.

*“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
(Ephesians 2:10, ESV)*

Remember your baptism.

Trust Jesus with your life. Be baptized in His name.

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

SPOTLIGHT ON

SENIOR ADULTS

Senior Adults are some of the greatest resources in our church. Our Senior Adults provide wisdom and insight from their years of experience that we don't find anywhere else. Our Senior Adults are also those who have provided leadership over the years in many ways. They have been our Sunday School Teachers, Bible Study Leaders, Deacons, Committee and Council members, and those who have been willing to serve in all kinds of positions wherever needed. You will find our Senior Adults serving willingly in most every area of our church.

There is a new Senior Adult Planning Team to help guide our Senior Adult activities and provide fellowship for our seniors as well as activities in keeping with the four purposes of our church. The Team has planned several activities over the next few months providing fellowship. There are also activities being planned that will be opportunities for worship, for service, and for discipleship. We are excited about the things we are working on and look forward to being able to share information about those activities as soon as they are confirmed. The Senior Adult Planning Team welcomes ideas and others who would like to serve on the Team.

Today we give thanks for our Senior Adults and for the many ways that God uses our Senior Adults to bless our church and for His Kingdom work.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for St. John Missionary Baptist Church

Each week we lift a church up in prayer. Today we lift up a church called St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Maryville. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through them. On October 3, we will do a pulpit swap with their pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles F. Lomax Jr.



COMMUNITY

College Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 am | Dwell Suite

Sunday School for college students has resumed at 9:45 am in the Dwell area. Breakfast is 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

Bluegrass, Barbeque, & More!

Sunday, September 26, 5-7 pm | Front Lawn

Mark your calendars for Bluegrass, Barbeque, & More! This event will look somewhat different this year as we continue to reach out to draw in our surrounding community. There will still be toe-tapping live music, but we will be hosting food trucks this year! If you choose, you may also bring your own picnic for your family. Be on the lookout for more details about our food and entertainment!



COMMUNITY

Senior Adult Picnic

Tuesday, September 21, Noon | Norris Dam State Park

Everyone loves a picnic. So please join us on September 21 as the Senior Adults take a trip to Norris Dam State Park for a picnic! Margaret will prepare our food, and we will eat at noon. We have a pavilion reserved. The church van can hold 14 people and will leave at 10:30 am. If you would like to ride with us, please RSVP to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org. We hope you can join us!



COMMUNITY

Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build

Fall Build Dates: September 25 | October 2, 9, 16 | November 13, 20

We are so excited to partner with Central Baptist Bearden to build a home for an East Knoxville family. This will be a meaningful opportunity to come together as brothers and sisters in Christ to bless a deserving single mother. We do not want to be outdone by our sister church! The first build date is September 25, and we will need 10-15 volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for this build date or any of the other build dates, please register at <https://knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/firstbaptistknoxville/>. A computer will be set up in the 3rd floor crossover after the 11:00 am service for you to use to sign up beginning August 29.

If you have any questions, please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Join Knots of Love - Knit a Blanket as a Gift of Love

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month | 12:30 pm, Room 304
Come join a dedicated group of knitters and crocheters on the second Thursday of each month for a time of handwork, learning, and fellowship. Members of the Knots of Love knit/crochet group make the baby blankets presented during family dedications. We also produce lap blankets for shut-ins and church community members in need of comfort. Persons at any level of handwork experience are invited to participate in this outreach ministry. Yarn is provided. The next meeting is at 12:30 pm on Thursday, September 9, in Room 304. Contact Betty Vawter at 865-696-4649 or bvaw@aol.com for details.



COMMUNITY

COVID-19 Reminder

Please remember that we ask people to wear masks in common areas (welcome center, hallways, etc.) and when entering worship spaces. Once seated, you are welcome to remove your mask. Masks are required for adults and kids in the preschool, children's, and youth areas at all times. Please use hand sanitizer regularly when on the church campus. If you feel sick, please stay home and participate through the internet or television. If you have a positive test for COVID-19 and were on the church campus within 48 hours of feeling bad, please contact the church office ASAP to let us know (865-546-9661). We'll get through this together!



COMMUNITY

Bible Study with Pastor Brent

Join us this Wednesday evening for Bible study from 6-7 pm with Pastor Brent McDougal: "Guarding Your Heart in an Everything-Goes World" from Proverbs 4:23. You may also join us for supper beginning at 5 pm. Please remember that all Children and Youth activities resume on September 8.



DISCIPLESHIP

Volunteers Needed for New Connection Plan

Thank you to those who volunteered to help as Greeters. We are still working to fill our schedule so that each week we have volunteers as Greeters, Information Volunteers, and Runners. Please consider where you might serve and let me know at pneal@fbcknox.org. We need your help to make this Connection Plan work! You can volunteer as:

- Parking Lot/Garage Greeters
- Welcome Center and Trentham Hall Greeters
- Trentham Hall and Welcome Center Runners (can be Adult or Youth)
- Welcome Kiosk and Information Desk Workers (we already have gift bags)



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Please consider volunteering at least once a month during the following time slots:

- Time Slot A: 8:15 – 8:55 am
- Time Slot B: 9:15 – 10 am
- Time Slot C: 10:30 – 11:10 am
- Time Slot D: Noon – 12:15 pm

Help Welcome Refugees to Knoxville

We are partnering with Welcome House Knoxville and Bridge Refugee Services to support refugees moving to Knoxville. These organizations are working to provide housing and household items for five to seven families each month. They need our help to ensure apartments are furnished for each family before they arrive. Here's how you can help: Challenge your friends or Sunday School class to furnish a room or entire apartment for a family. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Tim Boone to receive a complete list of the items that need to be purchased. If you would like to be added to the Refugee Care Team that will be alerted each time there is an urgent need for a refugee family, you may also contact Tim at tboone@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 5 pm, Back Lot

UT Home Game Parking

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