

FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

11 AM Service | October 17, 2021

Prelude | Rhonda Carpenter

Prelude on "Hyfrydol" | Jason D. Payne

Call to Worship | Women's Ensemble

Healing Grace | arr. Jane Holstein

Hear our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord;

Incline thine ear to us, and grant us by peace.

Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other,

Hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts, as we come to you.

We acknowledge our transgressions,

We confess to you our sins,

Show us mercy and compassion,

Touch our lives with your healing grace again.

Release us from the past, as we seek your face;

Wash us free at last, we receive your love,

We receive your healing grace.

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We receive your love,

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Welcome | Pam Neal

Congregational Hymn 303

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly | HOLY MANNA

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You who yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We who once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*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 591

All That Thrills My Soul (stanzas 1, 4, & 5) | 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.

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.

Scripture Reading (Ezra 3:10-13 ESV) | Emma Simpson

¹⁰ And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. ¹¹ And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. ¹² But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, ¹³ so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Choral Anthem | Sanctuary Choir w/ Emma Simpson, soloist

Hope for the Ages | John Bolin

You are the one whose power the heavens display.

Your light takes the darkness away.

In awe we are standing amazed.

You are the one. Your word calls the oceans to rise.

Your glory is filling the skies.

You speak and the dead come to life.

You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages.

Forever we sing, lifting our praises.

Now from ev'ry nation we're Your generation,

Giving our off'ring to You.

You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages!

You are the one whose goodness is found in Your grace.

Your faithfulness here in this place,

Forever we sing of Your name.

You are the one, a mighty Redeemer and friend,

A Savior whose love never ends,

With mercy again and again.

You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages.

Forever we sing, lifting our praises.

Now from ev'ry nation we're Your generation,
Giving our off'ring to You.
You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages!

For all time, for all people, You are God.
Forever faithful, You're our hope, the hope for the ages.
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You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages.
Forever we sing, lifting our praises.
Now from ev'ry nation we're Your generation,
Giving our off'ring to You.
You're the hope for the world, hope for the ages!
Hope for the ages! Hope for the ages!

Prayer | Zoe Powell

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Is the Good Hand of Our God on Us? | Ezra 3:10-13

Hymn of Response 72

Day by Day | BLOTT EN DAG

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what He deems best -
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord Himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares He gladly bears and cheers me,
He whose name is Counselor and Power.
The protection of His child and treasure
Is a charge that on Himself He laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me He made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust Your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within Your holy Word.
Help, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting
Till I reach the promised land.

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Chuck Powell

Spoken Benediction

Sung Benediction | Women's Ensemble

Purer In Heart | arr. Cindy Berry

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be.
May I devote myself wholly to thee.
Watch thou my wayward feet,
Guide me with counsel sweet.
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be;
Until thy holy face one day I see.
Keep me from secret sin,
Reign thou my soul within.
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be.
Teach me to do thy will most lovingly.
Be thou my friend and guide.
Let me with thee abide.
Purer in heart, help me to be.

Purer in heart, O God, help me to be.

Organ Postlude | Rhonda Carpenter

Postlude on "Hymn to Joy" | Jason D. Payne

Sanctuary Flowers

In loving memory of Joyce Hodge,
given by her daughter Janice Hodge.

SERMONNOTES

"IS THE GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD ON US?"

EZRA 3:10-13

One of the most discouraging circumstances God's people can face is when they suspect that the best days are behind them. What if all of our major victories, accomplishments, and successes are in the past?

When it comes to church, we may wonder: are our best days behind us? We believe on a mental level that God can do all things — God can do a new thing — but on a heart level, we are resigned that it isn't likely to happen.

"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"
(Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Ezra was a priest with the will to lead, a heart for holiness, and a mind for biblical truth. Ezra learned that even though the Temple was up and running, there was something more that needed to happen: a spiritual reawakening of the people.

What was the secret to his success?

*"...on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylonia, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for **the good hand of his God was on him**. For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."* (Ezra 7:9-10, ESV)

To experience God's good hand on us, we must set our _____ to study the Word, do the Word, and teach the Word.

If you want the good hand of God on your life...

Set your _____ to know God's Word.

SERMONNOTES

*"Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but **whose delight is in the law of the Lord**, and who meditates on his law day and night."*

(Psalm 1:1-2, NIV)

S_____ the Word every day.

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

(James 1:22, NIV)

D_____ the Word by putting it into practice.

T_____ the Word.

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

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SPOTLIGHT ON

YOUTH PARKING FUNDRAISER

First Baptist Church of Knoxville is so blessed to have such a wonderful resource in the form of our back parking lot. We use the lot as a fundraiser by opening it up for Tennessee Football home games, as well as other events, like the Garth Brooks concert at Neyland Stadium a couple of years ago.

Each Saturday in the fall that the Vols play at home, we have youth parents help organize the parking of cars. The youth themselves hold signs on the sidewalks and street corners nearby urging people to park in our lot and take the short stroll to the stadium. We open our lot for parking three hours before each home kickoff and charge \$25 per spot - first come, first serve - and are usually out of space in under two hours after opening.

Most importantly, all the proceeds go toward funding future Youth Mission experiences. So if you're planning on attending UT games, we appreciate your support!

Thank you FBC, as always, for the wonderful support and encouragement you offer to our young people!

Blessings - Chuck



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for North Knoxville Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up North Knoxville Baptist Church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our brothers and sisters at North Knoxville.



COMMUNITY

Bible Study This Wednesday: Guest Speakers Missy Ward & Francis Angalla

Wednesday, October 20, 6 pm | Trentham Hall

Join us this Wednesday to hear from our missionary partners Missy Ward-Angalla and her husband, Francis. They serve as the co-directors of Amani Sasa Ministries, which ministers to vulnerable refugees and their families who are traumatized, abused, trafficked, and/or vulnerable to exploitation in Uganda. This program will be in place of our regular Bible study, so please come and show your support!



COMMUNITY

Trunk or Treat: Candy & Volunteers Needed!

Sunday, October 24, 4-6 pm | Back Parking Lot

How can you help with Trunk or Treat this year?

1. Donate bags of pre-wrapped candy (no peanut products, please), and drop them off in the marked baskets at the Welcome Center and hallways.
2. Sign up to provide a decorated trunk. These do not have to be elaborate, but a little creativity goes a long way! **We need 16 trunks, and so far, we have 10 already accounted for!**
3. You can also volunteer to help with games, prizes, inflatables, and other areas. **We need 35 volunteers, and eight have signed up.**



COMMUNITY

As you can see, this event needs LOTS of volunteers, so don't delay! Sign up in your Sunday School class or at the Reception Desk. You may also email Susan at statum@fbcknox.org.

Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build

Fall Build Dates: November 13, 20

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this year's Habitat for Humanity build! Your support means so much to the family of this soon-to-be home. Visit fbcknox.org/events to learn more about Candice and her son, Daren.

To volunteer for the future build dates, please register at <https://knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/firstbaptistknoxville/>. If you have any questions, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.

Untamed Book Study:

Reactivating Missional Discipleship

6-week study with Wednesday evening focus | 6-7 pm

Resumes next Wednesday, October 27

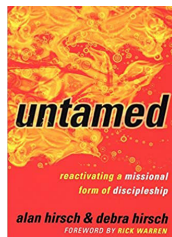
Join us for a Fall book study that will challenge you to live out the disciple life with joy and greater depth. In this provocative and compelling book, internationally known missiologists Alan and Debra Hirsch overthrow culturized understandings of theology and culture while casting a vision for a distinctly mission-shaped way of living the Christian life. Written for any Christian who is serious about the issue of discipleship, *Untamed* covers such topics as church, humans as bearers of the image of God, family life, culture, and sexuality. Through it all, they seek to answer the question, "How are we to think and live day to day as followers of Jesus?" Pick up your copy (\$5) at the Reception Desk throughout the week or on the 3rd-Floor Crossover on Sundays.

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, 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 sick, please contact the church office as soon as possible to let us know (865-546-9661). We'll get through this together!



MISSION



WORSHIP

Helen Cox Scholarship Singers

Sarah Kitts, Amanda Fintak, and Blaise Wolfe serve as our Helen Cox Scholarship Singers this semester. The scholarship singers serve the First Baptist Knoxville family by singing in the sanctuary choir, assisting our Children’s Choirs, and volunteering for solos, special music, and First Community. Each semester they receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to further their music education and then use those skills in service to FBC and their future churches. Please consider giving a gift over and above your tithes and offerings to support this ministry. The scholarship program is solely funded through designated gifts, so your generosity is essential in keeping this program going each year! Please note “Helen Cox Scholarship Fund” in the memo of your check.



WORSHIP

Donation Request

The FISH pantry is in need of peanut butter. Please drop off donated items at the Reception Desk or Trentham Hall. Thank you!



MISSION

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.



MISSION

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

	Sept ‘21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week’s Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$193,367	\$496,804	Worship Total 254 (does not reflect at-home viewers)
Expenses	<u>\$178,764</u>	<u>\$454,325</u>	
Excess/Deficit	\$14,603	\$42,479	

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Minister Emeritus

Coming Up This Week

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

Guest Speakers: Mission Partners,
Children & Youth Activities

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 10:30 am, 302

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:15 pm

Deacon Meeting

Sunday, 4-6 pm, Back Parking Lot

Trunk or Treat

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