

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.**



January 4, 2015 • 11:00 AM

Epiphany Worship

January 4, 2015 • 11:00 AM

Tom Ogburn, D.Min., Senior Pastor

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
Isaiah 60:1

Organ Prelude

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
arr. Albin Whitworth

Mamie Sullivan

Choral Introit

Worship the Lord
Tom Fettke

Sanctuary Choir

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His name!

Fear not to enter His presence in poverty,
Bearing no gifts to present as your own.
Bring truth in its beauty, and love in its purity —
These are the off'rings to lay at His throne.

Call to Worship

The Christ Child is Born!
All you who would find him,
prepare for a journey, as determined as the Magi.
All you who would praise him,
Come with the faith to follow but a star.
All you who would worship him,
come with humility to the child
who shows forth the immeasurable riches of God.

Wendell Boertje

*Hymn 150

As with Gladness Men of Old
DIX

* Prayer of Invocation, Welcome and Greetings

Ben Winder

MENU January 7, 2015

Bridge
Hoagies, Sweet Potato Fries,
Soup, Salad

Wednesday Supper
Petros, Corn Salad,
Soup

Kid Hut Cafe
Pizza, Corn,
Green Veggies, Pretzel Dogs

ATTENDANCE & GIVING December 28, 2014

Sunday School	Fellowship Breakfast
First Community	57
11:00 AM	275
Deaf	20
Passage	13
Worship Total	365

Weekly	53,837.00
MTD Giving	178,236.17
YTD Giving	1,682,702.13

A detailed financial report is available in the library.

PLEASE BE PRAYING FOR... January 2, 2015

HOSPITAL
Harry Cowan, Blount Memorial 245
Larry Belle, Ft. Sanders 723 – Visitors must wear masks.
Betty Padgett, Phys Reg 345 Transitional Care - NO VISITORS

DISCHARGED
Gloria Rodgers
Becky Hudson
Sara Baskin
Jesse Phillips – grandson of Barbara & Rusty Phillips and Sylvia Williams
Grace Thurmond, scoliosis surgery/recovery (NM) – Steve Underwood's great niece

REHAB
Mary Ann Wallace, NHC Farragut 404
Nancy Bracken, Fort Sanders/Pat Neal 473

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Brenda Jenkins upon the birth of her granddaughter on December 17, in Trinidad, California.

NURSING / RETIREMENT HOME OF THE WEEK

Meadowview Senior Living
111 Acuff Ln, Clinton (37716)

Phyllis VonGruenigen, Apt 207

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 a 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)

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.

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)

Minister on Call (865) 546-9661, Option 9

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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

Susan Rainey, Megan Miller,
Angela Ellenburg

Monitor: Monte Miller

TV Ministry Team

Ned Russell, Judy Cox,
Sara Bittle, Brad Bittle,
Marion Carter, Reba Green,
Seva Ball

Hospital Ministry Team

Fred Kaserman, Paul Ivie

New Member Ministry

Mark Palmer, Carol Linger

Outreach Deacon

Bob Breazeale

TeleCare Ministry

Wanda Edmondson

Responsive Reading 149 (seated)

Pam Neal

The Glory Revealed

*Hymn 156

Shine, Jesus, Shine
SHINE

Morning Scripture (Matthew 7:7-11)

Tom Ogburn

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.
⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

Testimony

Frederick Wagoner

*Epiphany Hymn 158

Jesus Shall Reign
DUKE STREET

Prayer of Dedication for Offering

Bill Higdon

Choral Offertory

Sanctuary Choir

If You Search with All Your Heart
Craig Courtney

When you seek Me, you shall find Me
If you search with all your heart.
(REPEAT 4X)

For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of hope and a future.

I will bring you out of bondage
To the land I have prepared.

I will bring you out of bondage,
I will bring you home to Me.

For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of welfare, not of evil.

For I know the plans I have for you:
Plans of hope and a future.
When you seek Me, you shall find Me
If you search with all your heart.
(REPEAT 3X)

I will bring you out of bondage,
I will bring you home to Me.

The Sermon Tom Ogburn
“More Than Words”
Matthew 7:7-11

Observance of The Lord’s Supper Tom Ogburn

Serving of the Bread

Serving of the Cup

*Hymn of Response 377

There Is a Redeemer
GREEN

Opportunities at FBC Scott Claybrook

Sharing of Public Decisions Tom Ogburn

*Spoken Benediction Tom Ogburn

*Choral Benediction Sanctuary Choir

Shine, Jesus, Shine
SHINE

Organ Postlude Mamie Sullivan

Kings of Orient
arr. Lyndell Leatherman

*Congregation is asked to stand



The Life of the Church

REDEMPTION...A Journey through Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 9 & 10)

Next week’s Sermon “**An Invitation to an Outsider**” is the story on which this gospel finds its heart. It is Matthew’s own coming into relationship with Jesus. I will leverage the New Living Translation for this one because it speaks to how the religious leaders saw Matthew as “scum” but Jesus saw him with different eyes. It will be an invitation: 1. To know that God sees you as one valuable enough to merit the story of salvation; 2. That we need to have the same eyes that see people through the lenses of redemption rather than judgment. The twist of this passage is that those that saw themselves as insiders with God find themselves on the wrong side of the gospel; and the one that was seen as an outsider, is welcomed as a disciple.

January Is National Mentoring Month.

There are many more children who need a mentor at South Knoxville Elementary School. Will you consider using 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 clinger185@aol.com, to let her know that you would like to mentor a child.

Knitting and Crochet Club

Thursday, January 8 12:30 pm, room 307

The Knitting and Crochet Club will meet in room 307 at 12:30 pm, Thursday, Jan 8, 2015 and Thursday February 5, 2015. We will continue to meet in room 307 at 12:30, the first Thursday of each month Come and join us.

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!