



BRIGHT HOPE



HOW JESUS' PARABLES ILLUMINATE OUR DARKEST DAYS

January 3 - Luke 11:5-13
THE POWER OF PERSISTENCE

January 10 - Matthew 18:21-35
THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

January 17 - Matthew 13:24-30
THE POWER OF COURAGE

January 24 - Luke 14:16-24
THE POWER OF INVITATION

VISITING?

Let us know you're here!



Countdown and Opening Video

Cornerstone

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Bradbury
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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil
He is Lord Lord of all

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Welcome | Pam Neal

Stand in Your Love

Ethan Hulse | Josh Baldwin | Mark Harris | Rita Springer
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When darkness tries to roll over my bones
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own
When brokenness and pain is all I know
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
When I stand in Your love*

Shame no longer has a place to hide
I am not a captive to the lies
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind
I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

There's power that can break off every chain
There's power that can empty out a grave
There's resurrection power that can save
There's power in Your name power in Your name
Standing in Your love

Scripture Reading (Matthew 13:24-30) | Tim Boone

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared.

²⁷ “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’

²⁸ “An enemy did this,’ he replied.

“The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

²⁹ “No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Graves into Gardens

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hammer

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I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You

There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing

Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

Prayer | Tim Boone

Sermon | Brent McDougal

**"Bright Hope: How Jesus' Parables Illuminate Our Darkest Days -
The Power of Courage | Matthew 13:24-30**

You Make Me Brave

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I stand before You now
The greatness of Your renown
I have heard of the majesty and wonder of You
King of Heaven in humility I bow

*As (to) Your love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in (to Your love)*
I have heard You calling my name
I have heard the song of love that You sing
So I will let You draw me out beyond the shore
Into Your grace

You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the Love that made a way

You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the promises You've made

*Because of love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven You made a way*

Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in

Worship Through Giving and Benediction | Brent McDougal

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SERMONNOTES

"THE POWER OF COURAGE"

MATTHEW 13:24-30

We're only a few days into 2021, but it still feels like 2020. There is a lot that can discourage us - from the pandemic's plodding to the political unrest we see in our country. We have seen that medical science, while extremely important, can't prevent new viruses from developing or protect us from other disasters. Technological advances can't prevent the spread of misinformation. Political leaders and parties can't solve all of the challenges in our fallen world. We feel tempted and tried by the evil we see. Where will we find hope?

The response of despair: Give _____.

The response of resignation: Give _____.

The response of faith: Go _____.

**The greatest need of our day is for _____
Christianity.**

Where are you experiencing discouragement? Jesus' parable of the wheat and weeds can teach us much about perseverance and courage.

Expect _____.

"...Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants also *masquerade* as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, NIV)."

Leave the _____ to the Lord.

"His winnowing fork is in his hand, and *he will clear his threshing floor*, gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire (Matthew 3:12, NIV)."

SERMONNOTES

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Candlelight Prayer Service for Our County

Wednesday, January 20 | 6 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

Join us as we pray for our leaders, our peace, and our shared future. There will be special music along with Bible Study, led by Pastor Brent McDougal, entitled, "Respectfully, I Disagree: How to Be Civil in an Uncivil Time." You are welcome to attend in person or watch the livestream on Facebook or fbcknox.org.



Help With Local Needs

If you are looking for additional ways to serve people in need in our community, please subscribe to the Compassion Coalition mailing list. You will receive an e-mail each week with an updated list of local needs, community resources, and volunteer opportunities. To subscribe, visit <https://compassioncoalition.org/stay-informed/> and sign up to the Bulletin Board mailing list. Contact tboone@fbcknox.org if you have any questions.



MISSION

International Missions Offering Update

December was the Season of Prayer for International Missions, and we received \$8,992 through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and \$8,044 through the Offering for Global Missions. That is a total of \$17,036 for International Missions! Thank you all for your prayers and generosity. You help us make a difference in the lives of people around the world!



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6 pm | Sanctuary

Join us for Wednesday Night Bible Study! You may come in person or watch the livestream on Facebook, YouTube, or our website (fbcknox.org). If you attend in person, please be prepared to follow social distancing rules and wear your mask. We look forward to seeing you there!



First Baptist Communications Survey

First Baptist would appreciate your feedback on a Communications Survey that went out last week. This 5-minute survey invites input from FBC members and long-time guests about how well we are communicating as a church. It concerns *internal* communications (within the church family). We are also evaluating our *external* communications through other means. If you would like to take the survey but did not receive the link, email Vanessa Moore at vmoore@fbcknox.org. Thank you for helping us communicate more effectively to best fulfill our mission of making disciples and sharing the gospel with our community. Please complete the survey by January 21.



First Community Worship Service

Sundays, 8:45 am | Trentham Hall

Come worship with us on Sunday mornings in First Community! Everyone is welcome to join in this contemporary worship service. Please be prepared to follow social distancing rules and wear your mask. If you need **CHILDCARE** for ages three and below, remember, you must RSVP to Susan Tatum (statum@fbcknox.org) by Thursday at noon. This applies to both Sunday services. See you for worship!



Sign-up to be a Benevolence Team Member!

The Benevolence Team demonstrates the love of Jesus by interviewing clients and offering material and financial resources to those in need. To serve in this ministry, you will need to attend several training sessions that we will offer in 2021. Please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org to sign up.



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

	Dec '20	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance	
Revenue (all sources)	\$269,998	\$961,667	Worship Total	155
Expenses	<u>\$167,117</u>	<u>\$788,066</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)	
Excess/Deficit	\$102,881	\$173,601		



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