



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?

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First Community | January 24, 2021

Countdown and Opening Video

Good Good Father

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

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I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

You're a Good Good Father

It's who You are

It's who You are

It's who You are

And I'm loved by You

It's who I am

It's who I am

It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

Welcome | Susan Tatum

A Modern Parable | FBC Drama Team

Neighbors | John Cosper

Scripture Reading (Luke 14:16-24) | Pam Neal

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests. ¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those men who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’”

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Who You Say I Am

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

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Who am I that the highest King

Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in

Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God

Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

*In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am
(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

Prayer | Brent McDougal

Sermon | Brent McDougal

**"Bright Hope: How Jesus' Parables Illuminate Our Darkest Days -
The Power of Invitation | Luke 14:16-24**

The Table

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I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore
At the table of the Lord
(At the table of the Lord)*

There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table

I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table
I know He has a place for me
Oh what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God

Worship Through Giving and Benediction | Tim Boone

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SERMONNOTES

"THE POWER OF INVITATION"

LUKE 14:16-24

If you're like many people in our church, you don't want to just sit there. You want to *do something*, making an impact through your faith. But what can you do? Especially during COVID-19, you may feel limited. Still, you know deep down, "I can't just keep sitting here. I was made for more."

There's something that only you can do, but there is also something that all of us must do. To make an eternal difference, you must join God in giving the great invitation to others. You have been invited into the kingdom. Now you must extend the invitation to others. One day you'll be asked, "What did you do with what I gave to you?" But as you're welcomed to the great banquet, you'll also be asked, "Whom did you bring along with you?"

We can't just sit there. We must *all* extend God's great invitation. How do we "do" this?

The prompt of the parable: "When one of those at the table with Him heard this, he said to Jesus, 'Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast of the Kingdom of God' (Luke 14:15, NIV)."

Look forward to the _____.

"People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the Kingdom of God. Indeed, there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last (Luke 13:29-30, NIV)."

"A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests... (Luke 14:16, NIV)."

Come when you're _____.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12, NIV)."

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Do _____ that you can to _____ as many people as you can.

“...the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame’ (Luke 14:21, NIV).”

Invite someone to _____.

Invite someone to your _____ class or _____ group.

Invite someone into your _____ life.

Now think of some real people that you can invite. List them here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Make an invitation plan to be carried out in the next few days.

What is your prayer today?

SERMONNOTES

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be a Prayer Partner

Pastor Brent McDougal is calling for 120 people to commit to praying daily for First Baptist Church. We need prayer for our church leaders, staff, children's/youth programs, senior adults, and in every other aspect of our congregational life. Where there is little prayer, there is little power. But where there is much prayer, there is much power. To sign up as a prayer partner, email bmcdougal@fbcknox.org or call/text 865-850-2167. You can expect to receive a monthly prayer newsletter and special calls to pray throughout the year. Sign up today.



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

Children's Summer Activities: Save the Date!

Kids Camp: June 9-12 | VBS: July 12-16

Parents, mark your calendars! The dates for Kids Camp and VBS have been set! Kids Camp is for grades 3-5 completed, and VBS is for ages three years to 5th grade completed. More information to come!



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!



Pilgrimage to Israel: February 2022

Sunday, January 31, 2:30 pm | Zoom Meeting

Join Pastor Brent McDougal and other First Baptist members for a transformative trip to the Holy Land next year. The pilgrimage will involve visits to the Judean wilderness, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, and other Biblical sites. There will be a Zoom interest meeting on Sunday, January 31, at 2:30 pm, to discuss the itinerary, costs, timeline, and preparation for the journey. Email Vanessa Moore (vmoores@fbcknox.org) for the Zoom meeting login. If you can't make that time but are interested, email Pastor Brent McDougal (bmcdougal@fbcknox.org) for more information.



High School Fellowship Resumes

Sunday, January 31, 5:30 pm | Trentham Hall

The purpose of the fellowship will be twofold: 1) encourage students in their discipleship, addressing questions and spiritual concerns, and 2) provide an opportunity for Pastor Brent and students to get to know one another. To be consistent with church standards, masks, and social distancing will be required. Students, please make plans to attend, and parents, encourage your students to participate!



International Missions Offering Update: Thank You!

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!



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

	Dec '20	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance	
Revenue (all sources)	\$269,998	\$961,667	Worship Total	154
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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