

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

IT'S WHAT FLOWS WHEN WE
PRAISE THE FATHER



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE - FIRST COMMUNITY

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Countdown

Make Us One

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One with the Father one with the Spirit
One with the Son of God
One with our sister one with our brother
One fam'ly by the blood

*Make us one make us one
Your will be done make us one*

One heart with heaven one mind connected
One body unified
Bind us together now and forever
Jesus be glorified

We confess all our offenses
We confess we've been afraid
We repent of all our pride
Let all the hurt be washed away
For all the wars and violence against our enemy
Come heal our land with Your great river
Restore the family and

*Make us one make us one
Let Your kingdom come
Make us one make us one*

Welcome | Susan Tatum

Father's Day Litany | Tim Boone

Leader: The world's human community began with one man. The redemption of humanity was wrought by one man. Today, we celebrate the contributions of strong, godly men to our community.

Congregation: We celebrate men who, with the wisdom of Solomon, seek God's perfect plan for their lives and the lives they influence.

Leader: We appreciate men who, with the spirit of David, seek repentance, as men after God's own heart.

Congregation: We acknowledge men who, with the obedience of Abraham, follow God's direction, help shape the lives of their families, and ultimately change the world.

Leader: We honor men who, like Peter, are fallible yet passionate about serving the Lord and fervently building his Kingdom.

Congregation: As Joseph cared for his father and brothers, we care for the men of our community by generously sharing our resources, our time, and our unconditional love.

Leader: We pray for men who have the inner and outward strength of Samson, but have lost their way.

Congregation: We're grateful for men who, like the apostle Paul, teach us Christian principles and values.

ALL: Today, we celebrate men who strive in all things to be like Jesus, exhibiting his character and his love.

Pastoral Prayer | Tim Boone

Hold On To Me

Lauren Daigle | Paul Duncan | Paul Mabury

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When the best of me is barely breathin'
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me
When I miss the light the night has stolen
When I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened
Hold on to me hold on to me

*Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again*

When I don't feel like I'm worth defending
When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me
When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me hold on to me

I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody loves me better
Hold on to me hold on to me

Scripture Reading (Isaiah 66:1-2) | Jim Decker

⁶⁶ This is what the Lord says:

“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool.

Where is the house you will build for me?

Where will my resting place be?

² Has not my hand made all these things,
and so they came into being?” declares the Lord.

“These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Good Grace

Joel Houston

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People come together
Strange as neighbours our blood is one
Children of generations
Of every nation of Kingdom come

*Don't let your heart be troubled
Hold your head up high, don't fear no evil
Fix your eyes on this one truth
God is madly in love with you
Take courage hold on be strong
Remember where our help comes from*

Jesus our redemption
Our salvation is in His blood
Jesus Light of heaven
Friend forever His Kingdom come

Swing wide all you heavens
Let the praise go up as the walls come down
All creation everything with breath repeat the sound
All His children clean hands pure hearts
Good grace good God His Name is Jesus

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Unity in the Spirit:

It's What Flows When We Praise the Father | Isaiah 66:1-2

Build My Life

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Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

*Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Worship Through Offering | Pam Neal

Spoken Benediction

Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes by the doors.

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Please note our adjusted policies on masks and social distancing.

1. Ropes have come down for social distancing on the main level of the sanctuary but will remain in the balcony for the benefit of those who wish to maintain social distance
2. Masks are not required for people seated in our worship spaces, but we do ask people to wear masks when entering and exiting the building and in common areas
3. Masks are continued to be required for children's activities (except for outdoor activities)

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 865-546-9661 or email vmoore@fbcknox.org. Thank you.

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	May '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$146,508	\$1,714,173	
Expenses	<u>\$135,160</u>	<u>\$1,482,948</u>	Worship Total 274
Excess/Deficit	\$11,348	\$231,226	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

SPOTLIGHT ON

KIDS CAMP 2021



After canceling Kids Camp last year due to COVID, it is an understatement to say that everyone was super excited about going to camp this year!

This was the 13th year our youth served as cabin counselors and led our camp of 3rd-5th graders in Worship and Celebration services, small group Bible studies, and so much more. This past week, we learned to FOCUS on the things we can see to help us trust in the things we can't see and better understand God's love and plan for us.

The beautiful mountain setting of Camp Ba-Yo-Ca in Townsend was the perfect place for us to get away from all of the things that distract us daily and listen to what God has to say to us.

Our week ended with four campers wanting to talk further about being baptized! God definitely moved among our kids for His glory!

Many thanks to each youth and adult for giving their time (and energy!) to help make camp happen!

A heartfelt thanks to our FBC family for your prayers, contributions, and for being a church that loves and supports our children and families!

To God Be the Glory!

Susan

SERMONNOTES

"UNITY: IT'S WHAT FLOWS WHEN WE PRAISE THE FATHER"

ISAIAH 66:1-2

For the next few Sundays, our focus will be on unity in the church. God loves it when the church is unified. God blesses a unified church. Today's message is about where unity begins.

When we set our hearts on praising God and _____
at His Word, we won't have time for division.

If we want unity, this is where we have to start. When we are here together, all focused in the same direction — we're only looking to Him. That's where unity begins. Conflict is usually a sign that our focus has shifted to less important issues.

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be **no divisions among you**, but that you be **perfectly united** in mind and thought."
(1 Corinthians 1:10, NIV)

What kind of church is God looking for?

God looks for a church that is _____.

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:2-6, NIV)

God looks for a church that is _____.

"My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." (Psalm 51:17, NIV)

God looks for a church that _____ at God's word.

SERMONNOTES

“There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to Him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies, **and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.**” (Proverbs 6:16-19, NIV)

“Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness.” (2 Timothy 2:23-25a, NIV)

“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ***that all of them may be one,*** Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.” (John 17:20-23, NIV)

Jesus prayed that we would be one, so how much does it grieve His heart when we are not one? Unity starts with praise. So be honest: how much time have you spent praising Him this morning? Write a prayer of praise below:

Our lack of praise may be the biggest reason for our divisions. When we stop really worshipping, our hope for unity is gone.

How is God speaking to you today?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Awaken Old City Church

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up another downtown church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for Awaken Old City Church to continue to expand the Kingdom of God and make known the reality of the love of Jesus Christ.



COMMUNITY

Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, June 27, 5 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

Please plan to join us for this special deacon ordination service. With our hands outstretched, we will bless our new deacons and remember that they are examples of servanthood and leadership within the church. Our Deacons' Choir will sing during the service, and there will be a small reception afterward.



DISCIPLESHIP

The Great Choir Comeback

Wednesday, June 23, 7-8:45 pm | Sanctuary

Attention choir members! We are excited to announce that the Sanctuary Choir is starting back up! On June 23, regular choir rehearsals will resume at 7 pm in the sanctuary to allow for social distancing. Masks are optional, but we ask that you have received your vaccination. We will plan to sing during the 11 am service on July 4! Let's worship together once more!



WORSHIP

Family Promise: Night Without A Bed

Saturday, June 26

Night Without a Bed is an event that raises awareness for families experiencing homelessness. Participants are encouraged to sleep anywhere without a bed - cars, a tent, a treehouse, the living room floor, a couch - and use the hashtag #NightWithoutABed to post a video blog or photo with a short blog entry to describe their experiences.



MISSION

Worship Arts Camp

July 26 - July 30 | 9 am-Noon Each Day

At Worship Arts Camp this year, our children will put together and perform the children's musical Fish Tales. If you have not signed up, there is still time to do so! Grandparents are welcome to invite their grandchildren to participate as well. You can email Richard Buerkle (rbuerkle@fbcknox.org) to register your children today!



WORSHIP

Pray for Student Life Camp

Student Life Camp is happening right now! Please pray for the 25 or so youth and staff as they worship, study the Bible, and fellowship together. We pray this will be a time to build strong connections with one another, for the Spirit to move within the lives of our youth, and for them to grow closer to God.



DISCIPLESHIP

Opportunity for Service

Are you looking for a place to serve at FBC? As we think about being the welcoming church for those who come to First Baptist, we are looking for some additional places to greet and welcome visitors. Please let Pam know at pnear@fbcknox.org if you would like to be part of this new **Connection Team**. We are looking for **Parking Lot Greeters, Lobby Greeters, Information Desk Workers, and Escorts** for taking visitors to worship or Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and serve our church. For more information, please contact Pam.



COMMUNITY

KARM: Every Bed Every Day Prayer Cards

Collecting Cards during June

We are only 100 cards away from our goal of 300 prayer cards for guests of the Every Bed Every Day program! If you can help us reach that goal, colorful index cards are available to pick up at the Reception office. These cards can include a picture, a Bible verse, or a word of encouragement. Please drop off your prayer cards in the mailbox of Tim Boone by the end of this month. Find out more about the ministry at everybedeveryday.org.



MISSION

VBS 2021: Off To A Great Start!

July 12-16 | 9 am - 12:15 pm | 3 years-5th grade completed

Three weeks and counting! Our Discovery on Adventure Island is shaping up to be one of our biggest VBS events ever! We have pre-registered 95 children and have another two weeks to go!

Please note that pre-registration will close on Friday, July 2!! After that, you will have to register on your first day of VBS, which can be a little chaotic, so **DO NOT WAIT!** Pre-register at fbcknox.org/events.

We are still in need of volunteers in the following areas: classrooms (all ages), Bible Story Drama Station, Science Station, Security/Parking, Craft Station (grades 1-5)

If you have waited to be asked, please know that you are needed and contact Susan at statum@fbcknox.org.

Our Volunteer Meeting is on Sunday, June 27, at noon in the Blue Room. A light lunch will be served.



DISCIPLESHIP

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Coming Up This Week

Today, 12 pm, 230 Centre

Worship Arts Camp Auditions

Wednesday, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Bible Study

Wednesday, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Practice Resumes

Thursday, 10:30 am, Trentham Hall

Golden Notes

Saturday, At Home Event

Night Without A Bed

Sunday, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Deacon Ordination Service & Reception

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