

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

IT'S WHAT THE TRINITY WANTS



FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE - FIRST COMMUNITY

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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 293
Excess/Deficit	\$11,348	\$231,226	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

First Community | June 27, 2021

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 | Pam Neal

O How Good It Is

Keith Getty | Kristyn Getty | Ross Holmes | Stuart Townend
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Oh how good it is

When the family of God

Dwells together in spirit

In faith and unity

Where the bonds of peace

Of acceptance and love

Are the fruit of His presence

Here among us

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people*

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

Scripture Reading (Genesis 1:26-27) | Tim Boone

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

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

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Unity in the Spirit: It's What the Trinity Wants | Genesis 1:26-27

King of Kings

Brooke Ligertwood | Jason Ingram | Scott Ligertwood
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In the darkness we were waiting
Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running
There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets
To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory
To a cradle in the dirt

*Praise the Father
Praise the Son
Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory
Majesty
Praise forever to the King of kings*

To reveal the kingdom coming
And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation
You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering
You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation
Jesus for our sake You died

And the morning that You rose
All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good
For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs
And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come
To the Father are restored

And the Church of Christ was born
Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old
Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name
In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ
Who has resurrected me

Worship Through Offering | Susan Tatum

Spoken Benediction

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SPOTLIGHTON

STUDENT LIFE BEACH CAMP



Last Friday through Tuesday, 19 of our youth and four adults went to Gulf Shores, Alabama, for Beach Camp with Student Life.

I am so excited about the ways God worked in our group and about having the chance to get to know our group better myself.

The group had great spirits and attitudes despite a 5-hour wait at a rest stop on the way down, a tropical storm coming and going all week, and a late-night fire drill in our building. I saw our group pray for each other, lift each other up, worship God, and have lots of fun and fellowship together. Most exciting for me is that one of our youth made a decision to follow Jesus, and I heard many others talk about what's next in stepping out boldly in their faith.

Thank you FBC for your prayers and support of our youth group. I am sure you will soon get to join me in my excitement about what God has done, is doing, and will do in, among, and through our wonderful youth group.

Chuck

SERMONNOTES

"UNITY: IT'S WHAT THE TRINITY WANTS" *GENESIS 1:26-27*

God loves it when the church is unified. God blesses a unified church. The church is filled with people from different personalities and backgrounds and races and preferences, but for the sake of unity, we can't let our differences divide us.

It's your job to protect the unity of the church.

Our influence in the world is directly tied to the unity we display.

Dancing is mentioned in the Old and New Testaments as a way to praise God. Ecclesiastes says that there is a time to mourn and a time to dance. Psalm 149 says that God's people should praise His name with dancing and make music with the timbrel and harp "for the Lord takes delight in his people." God says that dancing is a right response to God's delight in God's people. But have you considered that the very nature of God is like a dance?

"In the beginning was the Word [Jesus], and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made." (John 1:1-3, NIV)

"Then God said, 'Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us...'"
(Genesis 1:26, NLT)

The Father hates _____.

"There are six things the LORD hates...a person who stirs up conflict in the community." (Proverbs 6:16,19, NIV)

The Son died to bring us _____.

"For He [Christ] Himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility...His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility." (Ephesians 2:14-16, NIV)

SERMONNOTES

The Spirit grieves our _____.

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:29-30, NIV)

Some steps to learn the sacred dance again:

1. Make _____ with Christ the most important thing about you.

"The person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him."
(1 Corinthians 6:17, NLT)

2. Make it your _____ to have unity in your family or among your friends.

"Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." (Romans 12:18, NLT)

3. Make every effort to _____ the unity of the Spirit in the family of faith.

"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
(Ephesians 4:3, NIV)

4. Make peace in the world rather than adding to _____.

"The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." (John 17:22-23, NIV)

How is God speaking to you today?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up a neighboring downtown church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our fellow believers at Immaculate Conception.



COMMUNITY

Mask Policy Update on the Children and Preschool Floors

We appreciate your patience and compliance as we have continued to require masks for adults and children in these two areas. Our decisions have not been made lightly, as we have always tried to keep the safety of everyone in mind. Based on current Knox County COVID-19 cases, the numbers continue to remain extremely low (on 6/23 there were 1.28 new cases per 100,000 residents; positivity testing results below 3%; 0 deaths since 6/18).

With VBS and Worship Arts Camp coming up, we have re-examined our policy and made the following changes:

- Beginning Sunday, July 11, masks will no longer be required on these two floors. They are optional for anyone still desiring to wear one. Our teachers have been vaccinated but will make that choice for themselves.
- Masks will be optional for both VBS and Worship Arts Camp but not required.



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Again, this decision comes with great prayer and discussion. With most of the children returning to school less than a month after these two events with no mask requirements, we believe the time is right to adjust our policy.

Fish Tales: Sign Up Today!

July 26 - July 30 | 9 am-Noon | grades 1st-5th completed

At Worship Arts Camp this year, our children will put together and perform the children's musical Fish Tales. It will be a week your kids will not want to miss with singing, dancing, and learning about God through fishy tales! If you haven't signed up, do so today! You can email Richard Buerkle (rbuerkle@fbcknox.org) to register your kids.

Grandparents are welcome to invite their grandchildren to participate as well.



WORSHIP

Deacon Ordination Service

Today, June 27, 5 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

Please join us tonight for this special deacon ordination service. Together, let's celebrate those who have been called to servant leadership within our church! A small reception will follow after the service.



DISCIPLESHIP

We Need Your Help

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 pneal@fbcknox.org if you would be a 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

VBS: Pre-Registration & Volunteers Needed

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

Pre-Registration for VBS will close this Friday, July 2! Our numbers are already the highest we have seen in the past several years. So far, 119 children are signed up with a week to go! This does not include children that will show up on the first day without pre-registering!



DISCIPLESHIP

We still have a 3-year-old class with no teachers and an entering Kindergarten class with no teachers. Other groups are stretched very thin with adult leaders. I urgently ask you to pray about stepping up here at the last minute. The majority of these children are coming either from other churches or do not have a church home. We must be faithful to these families that God has sent our way and be ready to share God's love with their children! Please email Susan at statum@fbcknox.org today to get involved!

Wednesday Night Speakers: Ginger & Michael

Wednesday, June 30, 6 pm | Sanctuary/Virtual

You are invited to hear our mission prayer partners, Ginger & Michael from the Black Sea Ministries, speak next Wednesday night during our regular Bible study hour.

Ginger, Michael, and their three children had to quickly leave their country and were assigned to a new location in the middle of the pandemic. They are in Tennessee on a stateside assignment for the summer and will leave the United States in August in time for the beginning of school. We hope you will come and hear their story.



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Coming Up This Week

Today, 12:15 pm, 230 Centre

VBS Volunteer Meeting

Today, 5 pm, Sanctuary

Deacon Ordination Service

Wednesday, 6 pm, Sanctuary

Black Seas Ministries: Ginger & Michael

Wednesday, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, First Community

The Lord's Supper

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