

UNITY IN THE SPIRIT

IT GROWS THROUGH THE
SMALL STUFF



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Countdown

Oh How Good It Is

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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

Welcome | Brent McDougal

Prayer for Church Leadership

When the Saints

Sara Groves

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And when I'm weary and overwrought
With so many battles left unfought
I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars

*And when the Saints go marching in
I want to be one of them*

I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know
It's more than I can handle
But Your word is burning
Like a fire shut up in my bones
And I can't let it go

Lord it's all that I can't carry
And cannot leave behind
It all can overwhelm me but when I think
Of all who've gone before and lived a faithful life
Their courage compels me

And when I'm weary and overwrought
With so many battles left unfought
I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard
I hear their song of freedom rising to the stars
I see the shepherd Moses in the pharaohs court
I hear his call for freedom
For the people of the Lord

I see the long quiet walk
Along the underground railroad
I see the slave awakening to the value of her soul
I see the young missionary and the angry spear
I see his family returning with no trace of fear
I see the long hard shadows of Calcutta nights
I see the sister standing by the dying man's side
I see the young girl huddled on the brothel floor
I see the man with a passion
Come kicking down that door
I see the man of sorrow and His long troubled road
I see the world on His shoulders and my easy load

Scripture Reading (James 3:13-18) | Susan Tatum

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Pastoral Prayer | Tim Boone

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 Grows Through the Small Stuff | James 3:13-18

Dream Small

Josh Wilson

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It's a mama singin' songs about the Lord
It's a daddy spending family time
The world says he can not afford
These simple moments change the world
It's a pastor at a tiny little church
Forty years of loving on the broken and the hurt
These simple moments change the world

(So) Dream small

Don't buy the lie you've got to do it all

Just let Jesus use you where you are

One day at a time

Live well

Loving God and others as yourself

Find little ways where only you can help

With his great love

A tiny rock can make a giant fall

(So) Dream small

It's visiting the widow down the street
Or dancing on a Friday
With your friend with special needs
These simple moments change the world
Of course there's nothing wrong
With bigger dreams
Just don't miss the minutes
On your way to bigger things
'Cause these simple moments
Change the world

Keep loving keep serving

Keep listening keep learning

Keep praying keep hoping

Keep seeking keep searching

Out of the small things and watch them grow bigger

The God who does all things makes oceans from rivers

*So dream small
 Don't buy the lie you've got to do it all
 Just let Jesus use you where you are
 One day at a time
 Live well
 Loving God and others as yourself
 Find little ways where only you can help
 With his great love
 A tiny rock can make a giant fall
 Yeah five loaves and two fish can feed them all
 So dream small*

Dream small

Worship Through Offering | Chuck Powell

Spoken Benediction

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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 269
Excess/Deficit	\$11,348	\$231,226	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

SPOTLIGHT ON

BENEVOLENCE MINISTRY TEAM

Every Monday evening, a team of volunteers meets to counsel people who have different needs. These trained volunteers interview and offer local resources and, in some cases, financial assistance for rent and utilities. This ministry requires patience, wisdom, and compassion as volunteers work with people who are in desperate and complicated situations.

Several weeks ago, team members interviewed a woman named Susan. For the past few years, Susan has lived in her car and relied on friends to meet her basic needs. She is unemployed, waiting on a decision about a disability claim, and struggling with serious anxiety and depression as a result of years of spousal abuse. Because she does not have children living with her, there are very few free or reduced housing options available. Like so many people who are experiencing homelessness, she has fallen through the cracks and is living without the ability to provide for her most basic needs.

We gave thanks when she said that she was a follower of Jesus. Her situation was dire, but she was upbeat and hopeful. She said that her faith is often the only source of strength and hope in her life. Even though we were only able to direct her to a place to shower and to another organization that would connect her to additional housing resources, she was thankful for the help.

It is easy to become discouraged by the deep spiritual and physical needs of people in our community. I never feel like the help we provide is enough to make a difference. Susan offered us so much more than we were able to give: A testament of faith from a new sister in Christ. Praise God that He who is within us is greater than he who is in the world.

Do you want to support this ministry? Please pray for our volunteers who are serving every Monday night. Pray for Susan and all of those who are struggling and without hope in Knoxville. You can give to the Local Community Ministries Fund that supports this ministry by designating your offering.

Tim Boone

SERMONNOTES

"UNITY: IT GROWS THROUGH THE SMALL STUFF"

JAMES 3:13-18

Division often happens, not through big things, but little ones. Division can happen in a family when a husband or wife uses words that wound. Division can happen in the business world when leaders, through their small words and actions, create a culture of competition and envy instead of cooperation. Division often happens in churches, not because of huge doctrinal disagreements, but because people have been spoken to carelessly or treated wrongly.

We can quickly divide over little things, but we can also unite through little things. We need God's wisdom to help us know the right things to do and say.

Start with _____ and God.

Three Kinds of Wisdom

#1: _____ Wisdom.

"All wisdom comes from the Lord, and so do **common sense** and understanding." (Proverbs 6:2, CEV)

#2: _____ Wisdom.

"...where you have **envy and selfish ambition**, there you find **disorder and every evil practice**" (James 3:16, NIV)

"Stop deceiving yourselves. If you think you are wise by this world's standards, you need to become a fool to be truly wise. For **the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God**. As the Scriptures say, "He traps the wise in the snare of their own cleverness." (1 Corinthians 3:18-19, NLT)

#3: _____ Wisdom.

SERMONNOTES

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him *ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach*, and it will be given him.” (James 1:5, ESV)

Life principle #1: Resist the _____ of selfish ambition and envy.

“Do *nothing* out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, *in humility value others above yourselves*.” (Philippians 2:3, NIV)

Life principle #2: Let wisdom guide your _____.

“Wise words are like deep waters; wisdom flows from the wise like a bubbling brook.” (Proverbs 18:4, NIV)

Life Principle #3: Show wisdom through good deeds done in _____.

“Now someone may argue, ‘Some people have faith; others have good deeds.’ But I say, ‘How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? *I will show you my faith by my good deeds.*’” (James 2:18, NLT)

How is God speaking to you today? What is your response?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Central Baptist Church Bearden

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up Central Baptist Church Bearden. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our brothers and sisters as they aim to establish Christ like fellowship within the community and use these relationships to further God's kingdom.



COMMUNITY

Friday Night Fish Fry

Friday, July 30, 6 pm | Trentham Hall

You are invited to our church-wide Friday Night Fish Fry! This event will be the grand presentation of the Worship Arts Camp musical "Fish Tales." Tickets will be available for pick up on July 18 & 25 at the third-floor crossover. Tickets are free, but donations will be used to cover the cost of the meal and support future Worship Arts Camps. We hope you will join us and show your support for our kids performing "Fish Tales!"



WORSHIP

Fishing Photos

Photo Deadline: Sunday, July 25

Calling all Fisherwomen and Fishermen - This is a church-wide invitation for you to share your "big catch" photos with us! We want to include your finest fishing photographs as part of our Worship Arts Camp "Fish Tales" program. Please email your photos to tboone@fbcknox.org no later than Sunday, July 25. Everyone is welcome to share!



WORSHIP

Check Us Out Sunday

July 18, 9:45 am - 11 am Service

We are inviting VBS families without a home church to come and fellowship with First Baptist the Sunday after VBS. While their children are in Bible Study, parents will join us for breakfast in 230 Centre at 9:45 am and then worship with us as a family during the 11 am service. We want to make sure these families feel welcomed from the moment they arrive.

This means we will need greeters to escort families from the parking lot to 230 Centre to the children's classes and finally to the Sanctuary for worship! If you can help, please contact Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org.



DISCIPLESHIP

VBS: Family Night

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

We are excited to welcome over 130 kids tomorrow to our VBS! Please be in prayer for our leaders and all the children in attendance. If you did not pre-register, you may register your children on the first day of VBS. Also, thank you to those who stepped up to help with VBS in the last week, especially our youth!

VBS Family Night will be held Friday evening, July 16, in Trentham Hall. There will be a meal at 5:30 pm, followed by the children sharing some of the songs they learned during VBS. We will also wrap up the week with a picture slideshow. Parents and families, please plan to join us. You won't want to miss it!



DISCIPLESHIP

Outdoor Baptism and Church Celebration

Sunday, August 29, 4:30 pm-7 pm | Cove Lake State Park

Have you felt that God was leading you to be baptized but have not taken that step of faith? Join us for a celebratory outdoor baptism and church fellowship with games and other activities for children and youth. More details to come on food and other aspects of the gathering. Let Pastor Brent know if you would like to be baptized on this special day or if you want to know more about the importance and meaning of baptism. You can email him at bmcDougal@fbcknox.org or see him after a Sunday worship service.



DISCIPLESHIP

We're Hiring

With the approval of our Personnel Committee, we are adding two part-time positions: External Communications Director and Video Media Director.

The **External Communications Director** position will help connect us to people outside the church through social media, general publicity, and website development.

The **Video Media Director** position will help us continue to work toward excellence in our worship services (including sound quality), guide the creation of video content to connect virtually with people outside the church, and recruit/train volunteer tech teams.



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You can find the full job descriptions at fbcknox.org/work-for-us/. Please help us spread the word about these new two positions and send in your recommendations.

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Coming Up This Week

Monday-Friday, 9 am-12:15 pm

VBS

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:15 pm, In-Person/Virtual

Deacon Meeting

Friday, 5:30 pm, Trentham Hall

VBS Parent Night

Sunday, 9:30 am & 11 am Service

Check Us Out Sunday

Sunday, 12 pm, 230 Centre

Worship Arts Camp Leaders Meeting

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