



JESUS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

HOW TO STOP JUDGING AND
START LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR



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Countdown

The Anthem

Henry Seeley | Joth Hunt | Liz Webber
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By His stripes we are healed
By His nail pierced hands we're free
By His blood we're washed clean
Now we have the victory

The pow'r of sin is broken
Jesus overcame it all
He has won our freedom
Jesus has won it all

*Hallelujah You have won the victory
Hallelujah You have won it all for me
'Cause death could not hold You down
You are the risen King, Seated in majesty
You are the risen King*

Our God is risen, He is alive
He won the victory, He reigns on high

Welcome | Chuck Powell

Reckless Love

Caleb Culver | Cory Asbury | Ran Jackson
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Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

*(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah*

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

School Year Blessing | Tim Boone

Scripture Reading (Matthew 7:1-5) | Pam Neal

¹ “Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Less Like Me

Hank Bentley | Mia Fieldes | Zach Williams
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Down Under | Wisteria Drive

Oh I have days I lose the fight
Try my best but just don't get it right
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk
And miss the moments right before my eyes

Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped
Somebody with a hand that I could have held
When I just can't see past myself
Lord help me be

*A little more like mercy
A little more like grace
A little more like kindness goodness love and faith
A little more like patience
A little more like peace
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me*

Yeah there's no denying I have changed
I've been saved from who I used to be
But even at my best I must confess
I still need help to see the way You see

Oh to feed the beggar on the street
Love to be Your hands and feet
Freely give what I receive
Lord help me be

I want to put You first above all else
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees
Lord help me be

A little more I'm living
Everything I preach
A little more like Jesus
A little less like me

Sermon | Brent McDougal

**Jesus in Your Neighborhood: How to Stop Judging and Start Loving
Your Neighbor | Matthew 7:1-5**

Chain Breaker

Jonathan Smith | Mia Fieldes | Zach Williams

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Essential Tunes | Upside Down Under | Wisteria Drive

If you've been walking the same old road
For miles and miles
If you've been hearing the same old voice
Tell the same old lies
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside
There's a better life
There's a better life

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker*

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker

Worship Through Offering | Brent McDougal

Spoken Benediction

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	June '21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week's Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$187,332	\$1,901,506	
Expenses	<u>\$169,242</u>	<u>\$1,652,248</u>	Worship Total 293
Excess/Deficit	\$18,091	\$249,257	(does not reflect at-home viewers)

SPOTLIGHT ON

YOUTH PROMOTION

G Stanley Hall observed 100 some odd years ago what he called a “holding period” between the carefree life of a younger child and the expectations and responsibilities of adulthood, i.e., the teenage years. While our teenagers seem far busier than they likely were then, there is still truth to this observation – our youth are not little children anymore, and they’re not adults yet.

These years are years of “finding” themselves, and the church coming alongside in that period is a crucial part of their development, not just spiritually, but emotionally and socially as well. Teenagers are looking for identity (who am I?), autonomy (how am I unique/different?), and affinity (what do I like and who are the people who share those likes?), and it’s our job to help guide them as they search for those things and to help root that searching in the Christian faith.

That’s why we celebrate these 6th graders today and make a big deal about welcoming them into the Youth Ministry. We are pledging to come alongside them in the next phase of their journey of faith.



I’m grateful to Susan and all others who have nurtured these young people thus far, and I am incredibly excited to see where these next years of walking the Christian life together take us all.

Church, please join me in welcoming these 6th graders as they take this huge step into the Youth Group. Pray for them, their parents, and all our youth workers and older youth as we work together to navigate these special years.

Blessings
Chuck

SERMONNOTES

"HOW TO STOP JUDGING AND START LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR" MATTHEW 7:1-5

Judgment of one another has become a kind of national pastime. We judge one another based on our clothes or our hair or our teeth or our language. We judge one another when someone has a job failure or a marriage failure. We judge the poor, thinking they're lazy, or judge the rich, thinking they're greedy. We judge people by the color of their skin or by the political sign they display in their yard. We judge people if they wear a mask or if they refuse to wear a mask. We've got a real problem with judgment.

So how can we stop judging and start loving our neighbors?

Jesus' words are clear: "Don't judge." But what is Jesus not saying?

-- He is not saying that you have to turn off your discernment or disregard your capacity for making wise and good decisions about who you hang out with.

"The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments..." (1 Corinthians 2:15, NIV)

-- He's not saying you have to compromise your convictions.

-- He's not saying that you don't need wise and loving people to point out your faults from time to time.

When Jesus said, "Do not judge!" He was calling out the habit of constantly finding _____ in what others do or say.

"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things." (Romans 2:1, NIV)

If you harshly _____ others, you can expect to be judged harshly by the Judge of all.

Two ways to stop judging your neighbor:

1. Self-evaluate before _____ others.

SERMONNOTES

“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?” (Matthew 7:3-4, NIV)

2. Remember how much _____ you have been given.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV)

Two ways to start loving your neighbor:

1. When you feel tempted to judge someone, look for the _____ in them instead.

“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8, ESV)

2. When you feel tempted to judge someone, _____ that person instead.

“Jesus called them together and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’” (Matthew 20:25-28)

What can you do to build a bridge with someone whom you tend to judge harshly?

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

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Central Baptist Fountain City

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up Central Baptist Fountain City. On July 11, Rev. Ande Myers was called as their next Senior Pastor. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they move forward with new leadership.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Activities New Schedule

Adults Start Back: August 18 | Children & Youth Start Back: September 8

As we continue to navigate uncertain times, we believe we need to make a change in the upcoming Wednesday Night schedule. We had hoped to have a kick-off event on Wednesday, August 18, for all of the children, youth, and adult activities. Instead, we will move forward with Wednesday Night Supper and Adult Bible Study in Trentham Hall on August 18. Children's and Youth activities will be postponed until September 8.



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Senior Adult News

Tuesday, August 24 | 230 Centre

There is a new Senior Adult Planning Team that is working to provide some activities for Senior Adults. This month, we will show the movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy" on August 24 in 230 Centre. All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship! Other activities are planned, but let us know if you have some ideas for Senior Adult activities or would like to join the Senior Adult Planning Team!



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Outdoor Baptism and Church Celebration

Sunday, August 29, 4:30-7 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. Email him at bmcdougal@fbcknox.org or see him after a Sunday service.



DISCIPLESHIP

Friends Sunday

Next Sunday, August 15

Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend or family to next Sunday's worship and/or Sunday School hour. We'll have special refreshments in Trentham Hall after contemporary worship and near the Welcome Center before and after Sunday School. This is a great opportunity to reach out to someone you have been meaning to invite to connect with our church family.



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Volunteer Opportunities in Children's Ministries

As we promote our children this Sunday and look forward to starting up Children's mission groups on September 8 (**Note the Date Change**), we find ourselves in need of some additional volunteers to reopen the Children and Preschool areas.

At this time, we need two volunteers to teach in our 2-year-old Sunday School class from 9:45-10:45 am each week.

We **must** have two adults to open this class. Materials and training will be provided.

We also need two male adults to assist Jim Bailey with our upcoming RA group of boys, which meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:25-7:15 pm. We **must** have at least two volunteers to begin this group on the 8th.

Please prayerfully consider these opportunities and contact Susan at statum@fbcknox.org if you can help out.



DISCIPLESHIP

College Sunday School

Sunday, August 22, 9:45 am | Dwell Suite

Sunday School for college students resumes August 22 at 9:45 am in the Dwell area. Breakfast will be provided. If you know a college student who is looking to plug in or if you would like to get involved, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



DISCIPLESHIP

Young Adult Small Group

Every Tuesday, 6:30 pm

If you are a college or graduate student or a young professional in Knoxville who is interested in a weekday small group, please join us every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Contact Tim Boone for the meeting information at tboone@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6 pm, In-Person/Zoom

Committees & Councils Meeting Night

Thursday, 7:30 pm, In-Person/Zoom

Church Council

Sunday, Both Services

Friends Sunday

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