



JESUS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP



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Countdown

My Feet Are On the Rock

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I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock

*When I feel my hope about to break
I will cling to Your unchanging grace
Let the waters come and the earth give way
I'll be dancing in the rain
(My feet are on the Rock)*

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the Rock

My feet are on the Rock
My feet are on the Rock

Welcome | Pam Neal

King of My Heart

John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan
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Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song

Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

*You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh*

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down

When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Scripture Reading (Proverbs 17:17, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, 1 Samuel 18:1-4) | Brent McDougal

¹⁷ A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity.

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

¹ After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself. ² From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. ³ And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Jesus at the Center

Adam Ranney | Israel Houghton | Micah Massey

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Jesus at the center of it all
Jesus at the center of it all
From beginning to the end
It will always be it's always been You Jesus Jesus

*And nothing else matters
Nothing in this world will do
Jesus You're the center
Ev'rything revolves around You Jesus You*

Jesus be the center of my life
Jesus be the center of my life
From beginning to the end
It will always be it's always been You Jesus Jesus

From my heart to the heavens Jesus be the center
It's all about You yes it's all about You
From my heart to the heavens Jesus be the center
It's all about You yes it's all about You (Jesus)

Jesus be the center of Your church
Jesus be the center of Your church
And ev'ry knee will bow
And ev'ry tongue shall confess You

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

Sermon | Brent McDougal

Jesus in Your Neighborhood: The Power of Friendship | 1 Samuel 18:1-9

Make Us One

Chris Quilala | Joshua Silverberg | Ran Jackson | Ricky Jackson

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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*

Worship Through Offering | Tim Boone

Spoken Benediction

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

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SPOTLIGHTON

FBC CONNECTION TEAM

Imagine for a moment that you have never been to First Baptist Church and are looking for a church to visit. You don't know anyone and the facility is large with two buildings and a parking garage. How do you know where to go? Where do you go in? Where do you park when so many spaces say "reserved?" These are some of the questions that someone might ask if they are visiting First Baptist for the first time. If we are the warm and welcoming church we want to be, we want to put in place people to make sure anyone who comes will find a friendly face and a willing person to show them the way. It is more than just saying, "Hello" and "Welcome to First Baptist Church." That is what the Connection Team is all about.

Our goal is to help people be connected to First Baptist from the first time they visit us. When we don't, they may not come back. We want to make their visit as warm and friendly as we can so that they feel loved and readily part of the fellowship. We need many volunteers to serve as: Parking Lot/Garage Greeters, Welcome Center and Trentham Hall Greeters, Information Desk Volunteers, and Runners who will take a person to their destination instead of just giving directions. All of these things say to someone that we care about them and want them to come back. It is being a "Good Neighbor."

We have some volunteers but not nearly enough to cover every time slot in every location. There are four time slots to volunteer: 8:15 – 8:55 am, 9:15 – 10 am, 10:30 – 11:10 am, and Noon – 12:15 pm. Would you volunteer for one of these slots in one of these positions once a month? We have had some to volunteer, but we need more people to make it work well.

This is a wonderful way for you to serve in our church and, more importantly, be that person to make someone feel at home. Please consider being part of this important Connection Team, and let me know where and when you would like to greet the people that God sends our way for His church.

Blessings,

Pam

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SERMONNOTES

"THE POWER OF FRIENDSHIP"

1 SAMUEL 18:1-9

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity."
(Proverbs 17:17, NIV)

That's the baseline for the definition of a true friend. A friend loves at all times. They don't cut and run when it gets hard. God designed us to have close, lasting friendships.

We were made for friendship, but our _____ end up making us.

The sad thing is that even though we are more connected than ever through the internet, social media, telecommunications, and transportation — much more connected to one another than previous generations — there is an epidemic of loneliness in our world. It's not the way it's supposed to be.

"The LORD God said, 'It is *not good* for the man to be alone.'
(Genesis 2:18, NIV)

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
(John 15:13, NIV)

"One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24, NIV)

Three marks of a true friend:

A true friend loves you _____.

"Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself."
(1 Samuel 18:3, NIV)

A true friend _____ for you.

"Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt." (1 Samuel 18:4, NIV)

SERMONNOTES

A true friend sticks with you when _____ comes.

How can you experience more of the power of friendship in your life?

1. Expect God to supply you with friends to enjoy life and help you fulfill your _____.

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble."(Ecclesiastes 4:9-10, NLT)

2. Be _____ about whom you choose for friends.

"The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray." (Proverbs 12:26, NIV)

"Don't make friends with a hot-tempered person. Do not associate with anyone easily angered, or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared." (Proverbs 22:24-25, NIV)

"Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make friends with stupid people, you will be ruined." (Proverbs 13:20, GNT)

3. Be the kind of friend that you _____ to have.

"Encourage one another and build each other up." (1 Thessalonians 5:11, NIV)

How is God speaking to you today? What is your prayer or action step in response?

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for Hope Church of Knoxville

Each week we pray for one church in our city. Today we lift up Hope Church of Knoxville. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they work to advance God's kingdom through the transforming power of the gospel and bring glory to the name of Jesus.



COMMUNITY

Senior Adult Activities: Movie Day

Tuesday, August 24, 1 pm | 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" in 230 Centre on August 24 at 1 pm. We will have a light lunch, so please RSVP to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org if you plan to join. All are welcome to enjoy the fellowship! Future 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!



COMMUNITY

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 bmcdoagal@fbcknox.org or see him after a Sunday service.



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

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.



COMMUNITY

Volunteer Opportunities in Children's Ministries

As we 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

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.



DISCIPLESHIP

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

| | July '21 | Fiscal YTD | Last Week's Attendance |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Revenue (all sources) | \$154,964 | \$154,964 | Worship Total 310 |
| Expenses | <u>\$137,389</u> | <u>\$137,389</u> | (does not reflect at-home viewers) |
| Excess/Deficit | \$17,575 | \$17,575 | |

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Coming Up This Week

Today, Noon, Youth Suite

Youth Preview Day

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Wednesday Night Dinner

Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 6:15 pm, In Person/Zoom

Deacon Meeting

Friday - Saturday

Choir Retreat

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