

# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior

FIRST COMMUNITY  
October 17, 2021

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## Countdown

### Speak to the Mountains

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Tiny Hits | Whitney Medina Music

Why would I worry  
When giants come calling my name  
My God is so much bigger than troubles I face  
Why would I hunger  
For power or riches or fame  
My God is so much better than all of these things

*I won't be shaken*  
*I won't be moved*  
*My God is faithful*  
*His promise is true*

So I speak to the mountains  
Oh it's time to move  
My God is bigger better stronger greater than you

My enemies scatter  
'Cause they know the battle is done  
My God is stronger the victory's already won  
He died for my ransom  
And rose up on the third day  
My God is greater than death hell and the grave

There's no mountain too high  
No valley too low  
There's no fear that I have  
He doesn't already know  
There's no problem too big  
There's no weapon too strong  
There is nothing for God that's impossible

## Welcome | Richard Buerkle

### 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

## **Prayer | Pam Neal**

## **Scripture Reading (Ezra 3:10-13 ESV) | Susan Tatum**

<sup>10</sup> And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, the priests in their vestments came forward with trumpets, and the Levites, the sons of Asaph, with cymbals, to praise the Lord, according to the directions of David king of Israel. <sup>11</sup> And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the Lord, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever toward Israel." And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the Lord, because the foundation of the house of the Lord was laid. <sup>12</sup> But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, old men who had seen the first house, wept with a loud voice when they saw the foundation of this house being laid, though many shouted aloud for joy, <sup>13</sup> so that the people could not distinguish the sound of the joyful shout from the sound of the people's weeping, for the people shouted with a great shout, and the sound was heard far away.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

# Good, Good Father

Anthony Brown | Pat Barrett

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I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night  
You tell me that You're pleased  
And that I'm never alone

*You're a Good Good Father*

*It's who You are*

*It's who You are*

*It's who You are*

*And I'm loved by You*

*It's who I am*

*It's who I am*

*It's who I am*

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word

You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak  
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love love love

## Sermon | Brent McDougal

Is the Good Hand of Our God on Us? | Ezra 3:10-13

## 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

## Worship Through Offering | Chuck Powell

### Spoken Benediction

*Please drop your offering in the Offering Boxes by the door.  
Offering envelopes are located on the sides of the offering boxes.*

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# SERMONNOTES

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## *"IS THE GOOD HAND OF OUR GOD ON US?"*

*EZRA 3:10-13*

One of the most discouraging circumstances God's people can face is when they suspect that the best days are behind them. What if all of our major victories, accomplishments, and successes are in the past?

When it comes to church, we may wonder: are our best days behind us? We believe on a mental level that God can do all things — God can do a new thing — but on a heart level, we are resigned that it isn't likely to happen.

*"'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'"*  
(Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

Ezra was a priest with the will to lead, a heart for holiness, and a mind for biblical truth. Ezra learned that even though the Temple was up and running, there was something more that needed to happen: a spiritual reawakening of the people.

What was the secret to his success?

*"...on the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylonia, and on the first day of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, for **the good hand of his God was on him**. For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel."* (Ezra 7:9-10, ESV)

To experience God's good hand on us, we must set our \_\_\_\_\_ to study the Word, do the Word, and teach the Word.

If you want the good hand of God on your life...

Set your \_\_\_\_\_ to know God's Word.

(Psalm 1:1-2, NIV)

S\_\_\_\_\_ the Word every day.

*(James 1:22, NIV)*

**D\_\_\_\_\_** the Word by putting it into practice.

T\_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

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

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# SPOTLIGHT ON

## *YOUTH PARKING FUNDRAISER*

First Baptist Church of Knoxville is so blessed to have such a wonderful resource in the form of our back parking lot. We use the lot as a fundraiser by opening it up for Tennessee Football home games, as well as other events, like the Garth Brooks concert at Neyland Stadium a couple of years ago.

Each Saturday in the fall that the Vols play at home, we have youth parents help organize the parking of cars. The youth themselves hold signs on the sidewalks and street corners nearby urging people to park in our lot and take the short stroll to the stadium. We open our lot for parking three hours before each home kickoff and charge \$25 per spot - first come, first serve - and are usually out of space in under two hours after opening.

Most importantly, all the proceeds go toward funding future Youth Mission experiences. So if you're planning on attending UT games, we appreciate your support!

Thank you FBC, as always, for the wonderful support and encouragement you offer to our young people!

Blessings - Chuck





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pray for North Knoxville Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up North Knoxville Baptist Church. Please pray for strength, encouragement, and for God's purposes to be fulfilled through our brothers and sisters at North Knoxville.



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## Bible Study This Wednesday: Guest Speakers Missy Ward & Francis Angalla

*Wednesday, October 20, 6 pm | Trentham Hall*

Join us this Wednesday to hear from our missionary partners Missy Ward-Angalla and her husband, Francis. They serve as the co-directors of Amani Sasa Ministries, which ministers to vulnerable refugees and their families who are traumatized, abused, trafficked, and/or vulnerable to exploitation in Uganda. This program will be in place of our regular Bible study, so please come and show your support!



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## Trunk or Treat: Candy & Volunteers Needed!

*Sunday, October 24, 4-6 pm | Back Parking Lot*

How can you help with Trunk or Treat this year?

1. Donate bags of pre-wrapped candy (no peanut products, please), and drop them off in the marked baskets at the Welcome Center and hallways.
2. Sign up to provide a decorated trunk. These do not have to be elaborate, but a little creativity goes a long way! **We need 16 trunks, and so far, we have 10 already accounted for!**
3. You can also volunteer to help with games, prizes, inflatables, and other areas. **We need 35 volunteers, and eight have signed up.**



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As you can see, this event needs LOTS of volunteers, so don't delay! Sign up in your Sunday School class or at the Reception Desk. You may also email Susan at [statum@fbcknox.org](mailto:statum@fbcknox.org).

## Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build

*Fall Build Dates: November 13, 20*

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with this year's Habitat for Humanity build! Your support means so much to the family of this soon-to-be home. Visit [fbcknox.org/events](https://fbcknox.org/events) to learn more about Candice and her son, Daren.

To volunteer for the future build dates, please register at <https://knoxvillehabitat.volunteerhub.com/lp/firstbaptistknoxville/>. If you have any questions, contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org).



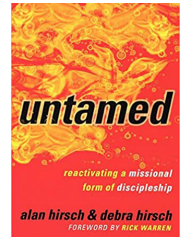
MISSION

## Untamed Book Study:

### Reactivating Missional Discipleship

*6-week study with Wednesday evening focus | 6-7 pm  
Resumes next Wednesday, October 27*

Join us for a Fall book study that will challenge you to live out the disciple life with joy and greater depth. In this provocative and compelling book, internationally known missiologists Alan and Debra Hirsch overthrow culturized understandings of theology and culture while casting a vision for a distinctly mission-shaped way of living the Christian life. Written for any Christian who is serious about the issue of discipleship, *Untamed* covers such topics as church, humans as bearers of the image of God, family life, culture, and sexuality. Through it all, they seek to answer the question, "How are we to think and live day to day as followers of Jesus?" Pick up your copy (\$5) at the Reception Desk throughout the week or on the 3rd-Floor Crossover on Sundays.



## COVID-19 Reminder

Please remember that we ask people to wear masks in common areas (welcome center, hallways, etc.) and when entering worship spaces. Once seated, you are welcome to remove your mask. Masks are required for adults and kids in the preschool, children, and youth areas at all times. Please use hand sanitizer regularly when on the church campus. If you feel sick, please stay home and participate through the internet or television. If you have a positive test for COVID-19 and were on the church campus within 48 hours of feeling sick, please contact the church office as soon as possible to let us know (865-546-9661). We'll get through this together!



WORSHIP

# Helen Cox Scholarship Singers

Sarah Kitts, Amanda Fintak, and Blaise Wolfe serve as our Helen Cox Scholarship Singers this semester. The scholarship singers serve the First Baptist Knoxville family by singing in the sanctuary choir, assisting our Children’s Choirs, and volunteering for solos, special music, and First Community. Each semester they receive a \$1,000 Scholarship to further their music education and then use those skills in service to FBC and their future churches. Please consider giving a gift over and above your tithes and offerings to support this ministry. The scholarship program is solely funded through designated gifts, so your generosity is essential in keeping this program going each year! Please note “Helen Cox Scholarship Fund” in the memo of your check.



WORSHIP

## Donation Request

The FISH pantry is in need of peanut butter. Please drop off donated items at the Reception Desk or Trentham Hall. Thank you!



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## Help Welcome Refugees to Knoxville

We are partnering with Welcome House Knoxville and Bridge Refugee Services to support refugees moving to Knoxville. These organizations are working to provide housing and household items for five to seven families each month. They need our help to ensure apartments are furnished for each family before they arrive. Here’s how you can help: Challenge your friends or Sunday School class to furnish a room or entire apartment for a family. If you are interested in this opportunity, contact Tim Boone to receive a complete list of the items that need to be purchased. If you would like to be added to the Refugee Care Team that will be alerted each time there is an urgent need for a refugee family, you may also contact Tim at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org).



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	Sept ‘21	Fiscal YTD	Last Week’s Attendance
Revenue (all sources)	\$193,367	\$496,804	Worship Total 254
Expenses	<u>\$178,764</u>	<u>\$454,325</u>	(does not reflect at-home viewers)
Excess/Deficit	\$14,603	\$42,479	

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## Coming Up This Week

**Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall**

Wednesday Night Supper

**Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall**

Guest Speakers: Mission Partners,  
Children & Youth Activities

**Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 10:30 am, 302**

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 6:15 pm**

Deacon Meeting

**Sunday, 4-6 pm, Back Parking Lot**

Trunk or Treat

## **VISITING?**

Let us know you're here!



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