

# FIRSTBAPTIST KNOXVILLE



**FIRST COMMUNITY**  
DECEMBER 12, 2021

# Countdown

## Welcome | Pam Neal

### Be a Light

Thomas Rhett

In a time full of war, be peace  
In a time full of doubt, just believe  
Yeah, there ain't that much difference between you and me  
In a time full of war, be peace

In a world full of hate, be a light  
When you do somebody wrong, make it right  
Don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine  
In a world full of hate, be a light

In a place that needs a change, make a difference  
In a time full of noise, just listen  
'Cause life is but a breeze, better live it  
In a place that needs a change, make a difference

In a world full of hate, be a light  
When you do somebody wrong, make it right  
Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine  
In a world full of hate, be a light

In a race that you can't win, slow it down  
Yeah, you only get one go around  
'Cause the finish line is six feet in the ground  
In a race you can't win, just slow it down

In a world full of hate, be a light  
When you do somebody wrong, make it right (make it right)  
Oh, don't hide in the dark, you were born to shine  
In a world full of hate, be a light

Yeah, it's hard to live in color, when you just see black and white  
In a world full of hate, be a light

## Scripture Reading (Luke 1:26-38) | Chuck Powell

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

29 Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. 30 But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. 31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. 32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, 33 and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

34 “How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

35 The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. 37 For no word from God will ever fail.”

38 “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Matt Gilder

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Joy to the world the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room  
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat repeat the sounding joy

*Joy unspeakable joy, An overflowing well  
No tongue can tell, Joy unspeakable joy  
It rises in my soul, Never lets me go*

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love  
And wonders wonders of His love

## Joy Candle Lighting | Court, Jenny, & Elliot Lewis

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of living.

**Congregation: Lord of light, we thank you for the gift of life.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the joy of relationships.

**Congregation: Lord of light, we thank you for our friends and family.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate the earth we all share.

**Congregation: Lord of light, we thank you for providing for our needs.**

Leader: Advent is a time to celebrate eternal life.

**Congregation: Lord of light, we thank you for sending a Savior.**

*Candle Lighting*

## Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Edward Hodges | Henry Van Dyke | Ludwig van Beethoven

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Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Father love is reigning o'er us  
Brother love binds man to man  
Ever singing march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

## **Pastoral Prayer | Tim Boone**

### **Sermon | Brent McDougal**

**Sermon Series: Be The Light**

**Today's Message: Let It Be Me | Luke 1:26-38**

### **I Saw the Light**

Hank Williams Sr.

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I wandered so aimless life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

*I saw the light I saw the light  
No more in darkness no more in night  
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light*

Just like a blind man I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

## **Worship Through Offering | Susan Tatum**

### **Spoken Benediction | Susan Tatum**

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

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# SERMONNOTES

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## "LET IT BE ME"

LUKE 1:26-38

We all want to make a difference. We all want our lives to count for something. God wants that, too. You weren't just made by God. You were chosen to make an impact for God's kingdom.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him." (Ephesians 1:3-4, ESV)*

*"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you." (John 15:16, ESV)*

Don't waste your life.

Do you want just the same-old, same-old religion, or do you want the great adventure of following God and making a difference with your life? Here are four things that must be addressed to live your best life and make a difference for God.

1. W \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil." (Ephesians 5:15-16, ESV)*

2. C \_\_\_\_\_.

*"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." (Luke 1:32-33, NIV)*

*"This people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them." (Matthew 13:15, NIV)*

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3. S\_\_\_\_\_.

*“Some are like the seeds sown on rocky ground. They hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But they themselves have no root, and they remain for only a season. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.” (Mark 4:16-17, BSB)*

4. S\_\_\_\_\_.

*“I am the Lord’s servant...may your word to me be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:38, NIV)*

*“For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9 NIV)*

God wants to use you, but what God needs from you is a total commitment to Him. Let God know that you’re committed to doing whatever He wants with your life, whenever and wherever.

You don’t need to know a lot of things. Just one thing. Get that one thing clear. Live and die for it.

Which of these four areas is the greatest challenge for you?

What is your prayer today?

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# SPOTLIGHTON

## THE CHRISTMAS SHOP SHARING THE LOVE OF CHRIST

The Christmas Shop 2021 has come and gone! As is the case every year, we saw many smiling faces, expressions of gratitude, and heard many life stories that touched our hearts. There was the grandmother who was not in good health herself but caring for her five grandchildren, the lady who could not stop smiling and telling us how God was answering prayers in her life, and the lady who took the bus and walked just to get to the church. One of our volunteers immediately offered to drive her home with all of her items which personally touched me.

As I watched our FBC family interact with each shopper with a kind and loving spirit, I was again reminded that we are a body of believers dedicated to sharing the love of Christ with our community. The majority of participants asked to pray with one of our volunteers, which gave us another chance to share with them the love of Christ, and for that, I am thankful.

A heartfelt thanks to each and every volunteer who helped make this year a success. It was so nice to see several "first-timers" volunteer this year! And thank you, First Baptist, for your prayers and giving that help make this financially possible!

Merry Christmas! - Susan Tatum



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Pray for Mount Olive Baptist Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Mount Olive Baptist Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement in their efforts to connect the Knoxville community with Christ and His Kingdom.



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## Golden Notes & Christmas Fun at First Baptist

*Sunday, December 19, 5 pm | Sanctuary*

Come celebrate with the Golden Notes Choir as they present "JOY: A Gospel Christmas Celebration" by Joel Raney along with some special music. Following the musical, everyone is invited to Trentham Hall for some family fun with more Christmas music from children, youth, adults, and seniors, plus some great Christmas activities like cookie decorating and crafts. Of course, we will have cookies, cider, hot chocolate, and Christmas treat bags for everyone! Bring your family and stop to take a family pic at our Christmas backdrop. Everyone is invited to join in the Christmas Fun at First Baptist.



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**Childcare:** At this point in time, childcare will not be provided for the service. We are working on finding volunteers and will let you know if this changes. Thank you.

## Care Center Informational Meeting

*Wednesday, December 15, 5:00 pm | Trentham Hall*

First Baptist is launching a brand new outreach ministry in the Spring of 2022 that will provide essential resources such as showers and food to those experiencing homelessness downtown. Volunteers will be responsible for giving out food, helping to facilitate showers, and, most importantly, building relationships with ministry guests. This ministry will operate from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm one night each week. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please meet in Trentham Hall at 5 pm for a brief meeting. For more information, contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org).



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## Wednesday Activities and Bible Study

*Resumes Wednesday, January 12*

Please be aware that Wednesday night activities for Children and Youth have concluded for this year. This Wednesday, December 15, is also the last day of supper and Bible Study. All regular Wednesday night activities will resume once again on January 12. Thank you!



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## Discover First

*Saturday, January 8, 9:45 am | 230 Centre*

Something brand new is coming in January. For those who would like to know more about First Baptist and what church membership is all about, Discover First will be the place to be on January 8th at 9:45 am in 230 Centre. Perhaps you have been attending First Baptist for a while but just aren't sure what it means to join the church. The class will include information about First Baptist, the staff, a brief history, and include a booklet of information as well as a book on church membership. If you would like to know more about First Baptist and church membership, join us on January 8th for Discover First.



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## End-of-Year Giving

*Through December 31*

The church offices are open to receive year-end gifts through December 31, at 5 pm. You may, however, continue to make contributions until midnight through our online giving portal: [give.fbcknox.org](http://give.fbcknox.org). Any gift given before this date will count toward your 2021 charitable giving tax deduction.

We are grateful for your generosity and what it means in the life and ministry of our church family. Your giving makes a difference!



DISCIPLESHIP

## A Christmas Celebration Service

*Sunday, December 26, 11 am | Sanctuary*

The day after Christmas, we will have a shortened Sunday morning schedule. Please join us for our Christmas Celebration Service at 11 am. Invite your friends and families, and wear your Christmas sweaters! Everyone is welcome! There will be no First Community, Sunday School, or Childcare offered that day.



WORSHIP

# Season of Prayer & Offerings for International Missions

Thank you for supporting International Missions with your prayers and offerings. God created us to work together, to help each other, and to be there for each other. In these ever-changing and uncertain times, the presence of missionaries and field personnel ministering around the world has never been more important. Your support of International Missions is vital in sharing the scriptures about the Messiah and bringing Good News in word and deed to the people most marginalized by the world. Last year, FBC contributed \$18,705.16, and this year's goal is \$23,000. Please use the respective offering envelopes for your gifts, and WMU encourages you to prayerfully support missions throughout the year! <https://wmu.com/thismonth>



MISSION

## Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

*Sundays, 4 pm | Starts January 8, runs for 12 weeks | Cansler YMCA Community Room | [alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org)*

Alpha is a series of video sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as “Who is God?” and “Why Did Jesus Have to Die?” Alpha is a global movement that can look and feel different across cultures, but each gathering has the same three ingredients: food, a good talk, and conversation. All are welcome. Register by visiting [fbcknox.org/alpha](http://fbcknox.org/alpha). If you have a heart for reaching others in our community with the message of the gospel, then consider helping to run the Alpha course with Pastor Brent McDougal. Email [bmcdougal@fbcknox.org](mailto:bmcdougal@fbcknox.org) to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

## Bible Study This Wednesday

Join us this Wednesday from 6-7 pm for a Bible study from Matthew 5:14-16 called “How to Put Your Light on a Stand.” You may also join us for supper beginning at 5 pm.



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

	Nov '21	Fiscal YTD
Revenue (all sources)	\$145,167	\$798,053
Expenses	<u>\$158,340</u>	<u>\$753,041</u>
Excess/Deficit	\$13,173	\$45,012

**Last Week's Attendance**  
Worship Total 425  
(does not reflect at-home viewers)

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## Coming Up This Week

**Today, 12 pm, Sanctuary**

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall**

Wednesday Night Supper

**Wednesday, 6 pm, Trentham Hall**

Adult Bible Study

**Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite**

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, 5 pm, Sanctuary/Trentham Hall**

The Golden Notes Christmas Musical

& Christmas Fun at First Baptist

## **VISITING?**

Let us know you're here!



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