



First Baptist Church  
KNOXVILLE

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# Christmas Brunch 2013



## December 14

## Sermon Preaching

### First Community & 11 AM Worship

November 3

**Dr. Don Garner**

"A Thick Silence"

1 Kings 19:1-15

November 10

**Dr. Don Garner**

"Living the Wise Life"

Proverbs 1:20-33

November 17

**Dr. Don Garner**

"Ministry with Others"

1 Kings 17:8-24

November 24

**Ben Winder**

### Minister on Call (865) 246-4650

November 1-3	Susan Tatum
November 8-10	Pam Neal
November 15-17	Scott Claybrook
November 22-24	Dave Ward

### Average Sunday School and Worship Attendance

August 25 - September 15

Sunday School	304
First Community	69
11 AM Worship	286
Deaf Worship	26
Passage Childrens Worship	10
Combined Worship	392

### Financial Summary

September 29 - October 13

Weekly Giving (Avg)	\$28,724.45
MTD Giving	\$66,610.69
Monthly Need	\$159,004.67
YTD Giving	\$1,249,249.21
YTD Need	\$1,425,874.93

SunTrust Loan – June 16

Beginning Balance	\$650,000.00
Current Balance	\$13,866.67

## First Impressions



On Saturday, December 14, we will host our 9th annual Christmas Brunch. The Brunch is an opportunity for us to open wide the doors of the church and invite individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness and poverty to come in, eat a good breakfast, hear local choirs sing Christmas music, pose for a family portrait, and receive gifts donated by the church and local community.

Nothing demonstrates God's abundant extravagant love for us more than the birth of Christ. Christmas Brunch, then, becomes a wonderful opportunity for us to share God's

abundant and extravagant love with the people of our community. It is an opportunity for us to treat people with grace, compassion, mercy, and love; likewise, it's an opportunity for us to live out the call God has placed on all of our lives as Christians: to express and show who Jesus really is and that we all need Him!

During this year's Christmas Brunch, I challenge you to look for new ways of expressing and showing who Jesus is and was and how you can continue to do so after the Christmas Brunch is over. We will have many Christmas Brunch guests visit our church in the weeks following the Brunch. I pray that you and I find ways to welcome them into the FBC community – to love and engage them as Christ loves us. Take time to invite them to Sunday School; make space for them to sit with you in church; invite them to Wednesday night activities. I hope that we can begin to dream of ways to invite people into our community, a community of people who love the Lord and will love the newcomer in our midst.

If you have questions about the Brunch, you may contact Joy Claybrook, Director of Community Ministries (246-4661 or jclaybrook@fbcknox.org), or talk with this year's Brunch Coordinators: Emily Plemmons, Dan Andrews, Tere Atwater, Janice Hodges, and Laura Beth Winder.

### How can you help now?

Begin shopping for the items that will be given out during the Brunch. We will begin collecting the items on Sunday, November 30. This year's gifts are:

### Items Needed for Christmas Brunch

8x10 picture frames

YoYos, Paddle Balls, Bubbles, Jump Ropes and Slinkys

Travel Size- shampoo, lotion, hand sanitizer, and hair combs/brushes

Regular Size- deodorant, bars of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, chapstick

\*Items may be placed in the boxes in the Welcome Center and by the elevators.

If you choose to give a monetary donation, please note in the memo line "Christmas Brunch."

Want to volunteer at the Christmas Brunch? Be on the lookout for ways to volunteer at the Christmas Brunch in upcoming church bulletins.

Sincerely,

Joy Claybrook  
Director of Community Ministries



## Second Mile Birthdays

### November 3

Lida Hoskins  
7350 Middlebrook Pike #118  
Knoxville, TN 37909-3138

### November 7

Ralph Neal  
1029 Buckskin Trl #550  
Knoxville, TN 37920-6113

### November 18

Phyllis VonGruenigen  
111 Acuff Ln #207  
Clinton, TN 37716-6892

### November 21

Lillian Wilson  
1305 Highland Dr  
Knoxville, TN 37918-1538

### November 25

Edith Quinn  
5600 Oakside Dr  
Knoxville, TN 37920-7306

### November 30

Helen Duncan  
2105 SW 11th Ct, Rm 506  
Delray Beach, FL 33445-6013

### November 30

Dixie Rowland  
7101 Gainesboro Dr  
Knoxville TN 37909-3006



## Staff Celebrations

### Birthdays

Margaret Lis, November 12

### Work Anniversaries

Rhonda Ward, November 30, 2009

## Youth Fall Retreat

On November 15-17, the Youth will go to Walden Lodge in Sevierville for their annual Fall Retreat. Information about departure and arrival times will be posted in the bulletin. If you have questions about the retreat, contact Ben Winder, Minister to Youth, at [bwinder@fbcknox.org](mailto:bwinder@fbcknox.org) or 246-4663.



## WOMEN ON MISSION

*Tuesday, November 5, 11 am Room 302*

Our speaker this month is our own Beverly Shirk. Beverly will be speaking to us about missions in Central Asia. Join us at 10 am for small group missions study. Immediately following our small group study, we will all gather in Room 302 for our program. We hope you will join us, and stay for lunch (\$6) in Trentham Hall following the program.



## FBC Concert Series Presents: Ben Bolt Classical Guitar

*Sunday, November 3, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary; Doors open at 6 pm*

Ben Bolt is a native Knoxvilleian who has spent several years of his life studying guitar in Spain, Paris, Brazil, and Uruguay. After his first public performance on national TV, he has performed to full-house audiences throughout North, Central, and South America. He was recently invited by international guitar star Ana Vidovic to perform with her in duo. He has just returned from a concert date in Spain.



For more than a quarter of a century, Ben has taught guitar at Carson-Newman University. Ironically, his most notable students are not classical guitarists but are in major rock bands. Brian Bell, lead guitarist of Weezer, and Brian Vohdin of Ten Years, were students of Ben Bolt.

Now you can hear Ben Bolt in concert at First Baptist Church. The evening will include familiar guitar pieces, adaptations of well-known music like the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah," and hymns. Ben Bolt is not just a classical guitarist; he is in a class of his own!

Tickets will be available on Sundays in the Welcome Center, during the week at the Reception desk, and on Wednesday nights in Trentham Hall beginning mid-November.

## UT Football Parking

Youth Ministry @1B is parking for UT Football Saturdays. Parking is \$20 and will start three hours before kick-off. Auburn game parking will be on November 9, and Vanderbilt game parking will be on November 23.

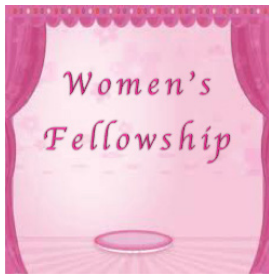


## Deacon Ordination

*Sunday, November 10*

We are pleased to announce we will be ordaining six new Deacons this year! Come join us for the special Ordination Service, Sunday November 10, at 4:00 pm, in the Sanctuary with a reception immediatly following in Trentham Hall.

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## Womens Fellowship

*Sunday November 24, after 11 am Service, Trentham Hall*

There is a Women's Fellowship planned for Sunday, November 24, in Trentham Hall after the 11 am worship service. All ladies are invited to attend. Lunch will be served followed by a program. More details will be provided in the bulletin. Mark your calendar and save the date.

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## Mission Trip

*March 15-22, 2014, Rio Grande Valley, TX*

First Baptist Church will once again be partnering with Buckner International and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at UT Knoxville to serve the Rio Grande Valley, TX, community. The trip will be March 15-22, 2014. If you would like to receive more information about this upcoming mission trip, please contact Joy Claybrook [jclaybrook@fbcknox.org](mailto:jclaybrook@fbcknox.org) or sign up at the Reception Desk to receive more information.



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## Time Change - Fall Back

*Sunday, November 3*

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday Night!

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## Welcome New Members



Becky, Tommy, and Leah Rowe

## Please Welcome Dr. Don Garner November 3, 10, and 17



Dr. Garner is currently Professor of Religion at Carson-Newman University. He has a B.A., English major [Phi Beta Kappa], University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.Div., Ph.D. in Old Testament studies, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Sabbatical study leave at Candler School of Theology (Spring 1991), and Duke Divinity School (Spring 2009)

Don joined the Carson-Newman faculty in 1980, and teaches Old Testament Introduction, Old Testament Prophets, Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes. His wife, Vickie, completed her degree in elementary education at Carson Newman in 1993, and is retired from teaching second grade. All three of their sons chose Carson-Newman. Aaron (1979-1999), a computer science major, deceased three weeks before his junior year at Carson-Newman; Andrew ('03, Biology) is a physical therapist; and Adam ('06, Religion; Psychology) is a seminary graduate, works as a pastoral counselor, and is married to Sarah, a pharmacist.

Don frequently is invited to speak in churches and has served as interim pastor in Kentucky and Tennessee. He is certified as an Intentional Interim Minister. He has taught at two seminaries and has published one book and many articles about the Bible and Christian faith. Don especially enjoys "old" things like antique automobiles and doing archaeology in Jordan.

## November Calendar

3 RA Gliders	12 pm
3 Concert - Ben Bolt	6:30 pm
4 FISH	9 am
4 Stephen Ministry	5:30 pm
5 Food Co-op	10 am
5 WOM	10 am
18 Stephen Ministry	5:30 pm
19 Food Co-op	10 am
19 Leadership Night	6 pm
24 Women's Fellowship	12 pm

## Each Week

### Sunday

Worship, First Community	8:42 am
Library Open	8:45 am
Deaf Sunday School	9:30 am
Hearing Sunday School	9:45 am
Deaf Worship, Chapel	11 am
Televised Worship (Broadcast on Fox 43)	11 am
High School Bible Study	6:45 pm

### Monday

Yoga Class	5:30 pm
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### Wednesday

Bridge	11:50 am
Supper	5 pm
Children's Choirs and Missions Groups	5:40 pm
Middle School Mid-Week	6 pm
Prayer Meeting	6 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	7 pm
Deaf Worship CTV	10 pm

### Thursday

Golden Notes	10:30 am
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### Saturday

Worship CTV	2:30 pm
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## Christmas is Coming! Mark your Calendar

December is just around the corner and the Christmas season is at hand. Save these dates on your calendar today!!

### December Date to Remember

- 1st - First Sunday of Advent; Hanging of the Green
- 8th - Second Sunday of Advent; Choir Christmas Concert
- 11th - Childrens Choir Christmas Concert
- 15th - Third Sunday of Advent
- 18th - Family Missions Banquet
- 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 24th - Christmas Eve Candelight Service
- 25th - Church Office Closed
- 26th - Church Office Closed

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