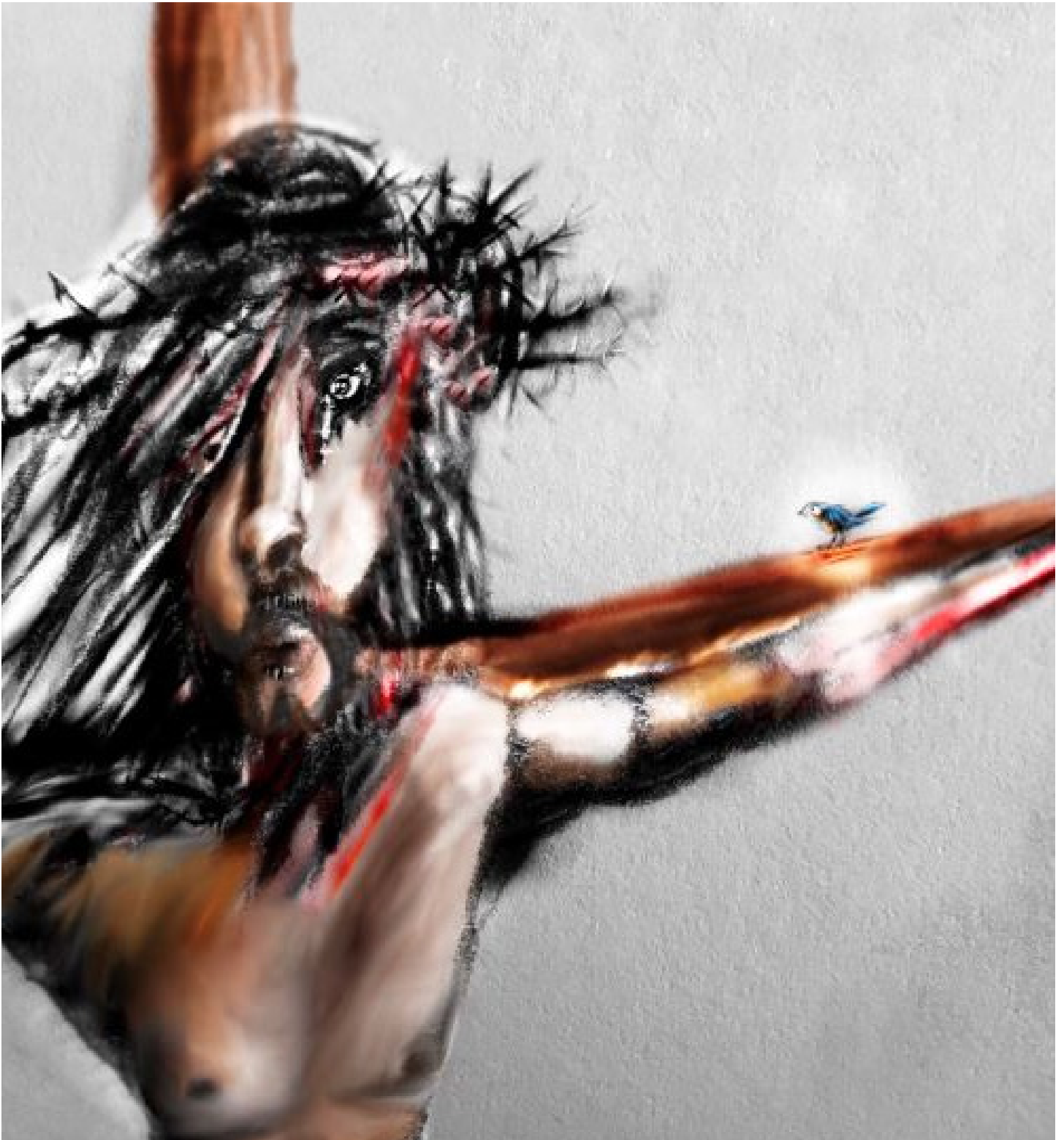


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In the Center of the City with the Savior
First Community Service March 20, 2022



Passionate Faith: The Seven Last Words from the Cross

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Countdown

Hold on to Me

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When the best of me is barely breathin'
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me
When I miss the light the night has stolen
When I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened
Hold on to me hold on to me

*Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again*

When I don't feel like I'm worth defending
When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me
When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me hold on to me

I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody loves me better
Hold on to me hold on to me

Welcome | Tim Boone

Scripture Reading (Mark 15:33-34) | Kristin Whetstone

At noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34 And at three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?").

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

Drama | Mark Palmer

Baby Girl | Bethany Wallace

Give Me Faith

Chris Brown | London Gatch | Mack Brock | Wade Joye
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I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to open my eyes
To see that You're shaping my life

All I am
I surrender

*Give me faith to trust what You say
That You're good and Your love is great
I'm broken inside I give You my life*

I need You to soften my heart
And break me apart
I need You to pierce through the dark
And cleanse every part of me

'Cause I may be weak
But Your Spirit's strong in me
My flesh may fail
My God You never will
(REPEAT)

Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Passionate Faith
Today's Message: God's Work in the Wilderness | Mark 15:33-34

Fear Is a Liar

Jason Ingram | Jonathan Smith | Zach Williams

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When he told you you're not good enough
When he told you you're not right
When he told you you're not strong enough
To put up a good fight
When he told you you're not worthy
When he told you you're not loved
When he told you you're not beautiful
That you'll never be enough

*(Oh) Fear he is a liar
He will take your breath stop you in your steps
Fear he is a liar
He will rob your rest steal your happiness
Cast your fear in the fire
'Cause fear he is a liar*

When he told you were troubled
You'll forever be alone
When he told you you should run away
You'll never find a home
When he told you you were dirty

And you should be ashamed
When he told you you could be the one
That grace could never change

Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel
Let Your fire fall and cast out all my fears
Let Your fire fall Your love is all I feel

'Cause fear he is a liar

Worship Through Offering | Chuck Powell

Spoken Benediction | Chuck Powell

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Thanks to Micky Roberts for providing original
bulletin cover artwork for each Sunday of Lent.
Mickey's art is intended to help us to reflect on
the theme "Passionate Faith" as we study the
seven last words of Jesus from the cross.

SERMONNOTES

God's Work in the Wilderness
Mark 15:33-34
Dr. Brent McDougal

Think of all that has happened in the last two years. The pandemic has caused so much pain, disruption, sadness, anger, and uncertainty. It has felt like a wilderness.

But strange things happen in the wilderness. Moses saw the burning bush in the wilderness and heard the call to work to liberate the Hebrews. The people then wandered through the desert eating quail and manna for 40 years. David fled to the wilderness when Saul tried to kill him. Even Jesus was tempted in the desert for 40 days.

Many of you have been through times like that. You've been through the wilderness of a painful divorce, a marriage that's not fulfilling, the death of a loved one, or a dead-end career.

Like Jesus, you may have cried out, "My God, my God...why are you leading me through this?" You may have felt alone or even abandoned in those times.

Jesus felt abandoned, too.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV).

Jesus may have felt abandoned, but he wasn't. God was still with him. God has promised to always be with us, too, never forsaking or leaving us. If that is true, then we can have confidence to move through the wilderness and believe God is working even in such times.

Three questions for consideration:

P _____: How has God prepared you in the wilderness for what's next?

"...we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. (2 Thessalonians 1:11, NLT).

P _____: How has God provided for you in the wilderness?

"His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3, NIV).

"Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33, NIV).

P _____: How has God been present for you in the wilderness?

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you" (Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV).

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

SPOTLIGHTON

Coffee and Conversation Ministry Brews Care and Relationships

Every Thursday for the past few months, a team of dedicated volunteers have offered a free coffee, tea, and hot chocolate service to people in the downtown area. The idea was birthed from the recognition that several hundred people pass by our church building each day. We wanted to find a way to bless people, start conversations, and learn how we can care well for the people who live, work, or visit downtown.

Our volunteers have been trained to brew specialty coffee drinks such as lattes and cappuccinos to offer a very nice coffee service for our guests. In the past few months, we have engaged people who have come downtown for court appearances from adoption hearings to criminal matters. Sometimes college students or dog walkers stop by. Persons who are homeless have also been blessed with good coffee and caring conversation. One volunteer bought a pack of socks based on a need of one of our guests so that future guests could get clean socks if needed.

The hope of the coffee and conversation ministry is that we would have an opportunity to get to know people, share the love of Christ, and look for ways to extend relationships in the future.

If you'd like to volunteer and be trained to serve (anybody can do it!), contact Vanessa Moore at vmoore@fbcknox.org or call 865-850-2167.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Community Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Grace Community Church. Please pray for our brothers and sisters to have strength and encouragement as they strive to be a light to this community and Knoxville. Pray that God will help them to meet the needs in our city.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Night Activities

Join us next week for dinner beginning at 5 pm. We will be serving lasagna, green beans, mashed potatoes, garlic bread, salad, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability. Children and Youth activities will resume.



COMMUNITY

Downtown Lenten Worship & Lunch Series

Wednesdays During Lent | 12 pm

Join other downtown congregations for a prelude, worship, and lunch every Wednesday during the Lenten season. Lunch is Free. Donations Accepted.

3/23 First Presbyterian Church 3/30 St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
4/6 First Baptist Knoxville Church



WORSHIP

Deacon Nomination Recommendations

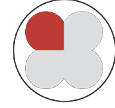
Each year the Deacon Nominating Committee requests your input in nominating individuals to serve as Deacons at our church. Please take some time to prayerfully consider who God might call to serve as a First Baptist Deacon. Likewise, if you feel called, please mark your own willingness to serve as well. You can turn in and pick up extra Deacon Nomination forms in the Reception area.



COMMUNITY

Palm Sunday

Imagine Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem while our children wave Palm branches and we sing to King Jesus in both services, with Eggstravaganza following the 11am service.



WORSHIP

Living Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 14, Friday, April 15, 7 pm | Trentham Hall

The FBC Drama Team, Sanctuary Choir, and musicians will present The Living Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, April 14 and Good Friday, April 15 at 7 pm. Together we will experience Leonardo DaVinci's iconic painting THE LAST SUPPER come to life as each disciple tells his story about walking with Jesus. It will conclude with all of us taking the Lord's Supper.



WORSHIP

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 15, 5:30 pm | Market Square | All Are Welcome!

Stations of the Cross is an annual event presented by the downtown churches where everyone is invited to gather in Market Square and walk to seven stations around downtown that depict Christ's journey to the cross on Good Friday.



WORSHIP

Easter Morning

Sunday morning we will celebrate the victory of Jesus over the grave at the First Community Service in Trentham Hall at 8:45 am, and again in the 11:00 traditional service with the choir, a brass quartet and timpani.



WORSHIP

Volunteer at Care First

We are in need of volunteers every Tuesday night from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm to show hospitality to our downtown neighbors by serving food and facilitating showers. No additional training is needed to serve. Please contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org if you have any questions or if you would like to sign up.



MISSION

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Season of Prayer & Offerings for North American Missions

Missionaries need faithful and committed prayer partners and financial support. March is the Season of Prayer and Offerings for North American Missions. You can participate by praying for the personnel and supporting the work by giving to the Offering for Global Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The WMU encourages you to learn about missions, pray for missions, give to missions, and participate in missions this month. Our goal is \$16,000 which will support long-term missionary and field personnel presence. What a privilege it is to partner with Believers all around the world who are bearing witness to Jesus Christ! Learn more by visiting cbf.net/weekofprayer and anniearmstrong.com.



MISSION

University Small Group

All college students are invited to join us for lunch every Wednesday from 11:45 am-1:00 pm. RSVP to Tim at tboone@fbcknox.org.

Meeting schedule:

Chipotle - 3/23

Firehouse Subs - 3/30



COMMUNITY

Eggstravaganza 2022 Update

Sunday, April 10 after the 11:00 service.

Sunday, April 10 will be here before you know it. Make sure you have marked your calendar and plan to join us after the 11:00 service on the front lawn. Lunch will be served and then the FBC Drama Team will perform the Easter Story. Afterwards, we will have 2 egg hunts, one for preschoolers and one for school age kids, on the side lawn of the City/County Building. Volunteers are needed and may sign up with Susan at statum@fbcknox.org.



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Our donations of pre-wrapped candy are beginning to come in, but we need enough candy to fill 3,000 eggs. You may leave your candy donations in the marked baskets in the hallways.

Summer Outreach Opportunity with Appalachian Outreach

June 6-10

This outreach team will serve families living in substandard conditions in East Tennessee. The Appalachian Outreach (AO) Home Repair program focuses on exterior needs of homes that are in need of handicap accessible ramps, decking, roofing, and painting. Learn more about AO at aoministry.org. There is a place for you to serve regardless of your age and ability. Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm. Cost: \$225 (scholarships are available). Lodging to be determined based on location of project. To sign up for this opportunity, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



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Mission trip to Uganda

October 8-16

Missy Ward and Francis Angalla will host a team from First Baptist later this year. The trip will focus on cultural education and ministry with refugees. Cultural education emphasis: You will learn about Ugandan culture by shopping at local markets, learning how to make traditional baskets, and participating in other cultural experiences. Ministry with refugees: You will support various Amani Sasa ministries by encouraging volunteers, introducing recipes from Tennessee, and working with Refuge in Hope. Cost for the trip is \$1,500 (scholarships are available for young adults). This includes airfare, lodging, and transportation. There will be an optional two-day safari at the end of the trip for an additional cost of \$600. Only six spots remaining! Final day to sign-up is June 24th (\$750 deposit due). For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



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Coming Up This Week

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Dinner & Adult Bible Study

Wednesday, 7 pm, Choir Suite

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 10:30 am, 302

Golden Notes Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, 12 pm, Blue Room

Senior Adult Movie

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