



# FIRST BAPTIST KNOXVILLE

In the Center of the City with the Savior  
First Community Service May 8, 2022

## A series from Dr. Brent McDougal Building Better



# Relationships

Today's Message: Building Better Relationships  
by Keeping Your Promises

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## Countdown

### Forever

Chris Tomlin

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Give thanks to the Lord  
Our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand  
And an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

*Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever forever*

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God  
We will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise sing praise

### Mother's Day Litany | Richard Buerkle

Pastor: We give you thanks, O God, for everyone gathered among us this morning. We honor our mothers, and are thankful for them.

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Pastor: We offer thanks for providing us examples of mothers in your Holy Word. For mothers like Mary, who offer themselves as servants to you...

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Pastor: For mothers like Hannah, who offer their children to God's care...

**People: We thank you, O God.**

Pastor: For mothers like Elizabeth, who joyfully expect the birth of a baby...

**People: We thank you, O God...**

Pastor: For mothers like Naomi, who lost a child...

**People: Give them strength, O God.**

Pastor: For the mothers who brought us to church and taught us of Jesus' love in word and deed...

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For the mothers who are no longer here, but who we celebrate in memory and with joy...

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: For all women gathered here, who mother many children at church with their love and care...

**People: We give you thanks, O God.**

Pastor: God, thank you for the blessing of mothers.  
Amen.

## Welcome | Tim Boone

### Great Things

Jonas Myrin | Phil Wickham

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Come let us worship our King  
Come let us bow at His feet  
He has done great things  
See what our Savior has done  
See how His love overcomes  
He has done great things  
He has done great things

*O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave  
You free every captive and break every chain  
O God You have done great things  
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive  
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high  
O God You have done great things  
You've been faithful through every storm  
You'll be faithful forevermore  
You have done great things  
And I know You will do it again  
For Your promise is yes and amen  
You will do great things*



God You do great things  
Hallelujah God above it all  
Hallelujah God unshakable  
Hallelujah You have done great things  
(REPEAT)  
You've done great things  
You have done great things  
O God You do great things

## Scripture Reading (1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27-28) | Susan Tatum

In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. <sup>11</sup> And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

<sup>12</sup> As she kept on praying to the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup> Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk <sup>14</sup> and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

<sup>15</sup> "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief."

<sup>17</sup> Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

<sup>18</sup> She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

<sup>19</sup> Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the Lord and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup> So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

<sup>27</sup> I prayed for this child, and the Lord has granted me what I asked of him. <sup>28</sup> So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord." And he worshiped the Lord there.

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

## Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

### I Surrender

Matt Crocker

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Here I am  
Down on my knees again  
Surrendering all  
Surrendering all

Find me here  
Lord as You draw me near  
Desperate for You  
Desperate for You  
I surrender

Drench my soul  
As mercy and grace unfold  
I hunger and thirst  
I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide  
I know You hear my cry  
Speak to me now  
Speak to me now

*I surrender*  
*I surrender*  
*I want to know You more*  
*I want to know You more*

Like a rushing wind  
Jesus breathe within  
Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
Like a mighty storm  
Stir within my soul

Lord have Your way  
Lord have Your way in me  
(Lord have Your way)  
(Lord have Your way in me)

## Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Building Better Relationships  
Today's Message: Building Better Relationships by  
Keeping Your Promises | 1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27,28

## Promises

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God of Abraham You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again You have proven  
You do just what You say

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn when You speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Great is Your faithfulness to me*  
*Great is Your faithfulness to me*  
*From the rising sun to the setting same*  
*I will praise Your name*  
*Great is Your faithfulness to me*

Oh  
Seasons change  
You remain the same

God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same yeah  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and true

Oh Your faithfulness  
It never runs out  
It never runs out  
Oh Your faithfulness  
Oh it never runs out

(Never runs out)  
It never runs out  
(Never runs out)

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down  
(REPEAT)

From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your name  
I'll still bless You

## Worship Through Offering | Pam Neal

### Mission Trip to Uganda October 8-16

Missy Ward and Francis Angalla will host a team from First Baptist that will focus on cultural education and ministry with refugees. 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 6 spots remaining! Final day to sign-up is June 24th (\$750 deposit due). For more information, contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org).

# SERMONNOTES

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*Building Better Relationships  
by Keeping Your Promises  
1 Samuel 1:10-20, 27-28  
Pastor Brent McDougal*

We live in a world of cheap promises that are easily broken. We break plans when something better comes along, or perhaps never commit to a “yes” or “no” to keep our options open.

How can we trust people who are constantly breaking promises?

Hannah was miserable. She wanted a child more than anything and made a promise to God that if God would give her a son, she would dedicate him to the Lord. It would have been easy to break such a promise, given how she longed for a child. But she kept her promise.

Three lessons and a challenge from a promise-keeping mother:

1. When you make a promise to God, it has more to do with God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ than your power and character to fulfill it.

*“Not one of all the Lord’s good promises to Israel failed; every one was fulfilled”  
(Joshua 21:45, NIV).*

*“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God”  
(2 Corinthians 1:20, NIV).*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ people keep their promises.

“I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.(Psalm 116:14, NIV)

3. Promises kept produce \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful”  
(Hebrews 10:23, NIV).*

The challenge: Begin today to be a better promise-keeper in a \_\_\_\_\_ world.

How is the Lord speaking to you today? What is your response?

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Knoxville International Church

Each week we lift up a church in prayer. Today we lift up Knoxville International 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 chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, tossed salad, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability. Bible Study will start at 6 pm.



COMMUNITY

## Ladies' Luncheon

*Godwinks: Signs of God's Presence and Encouragement*

*Saturday, May 14, 11 am | Trentham Hall*

Join us for three inspirational speakers, including Dr. Brent McDougal, Harpist Rhonda Carpenter, a delicious meal, and door prizes! This Sunday, May 8, is the last day to purchase tickets for the May 14 event! Remember tickets will not be sold at the door so make sure to purchase yours this week! Stop by the crossover on the third floor before or after the 11 am service.



COMMUNITY

## Care First Ministry - Volunteers Needed Every Tuesday

Help serve our neighbors downtown by serving food, facilitating showers, and building relationships with ministry guests. Care First is every Tuesday night from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Trentham Hall parking lot. No additional training needed. Contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org) if you would like to be involved.



MISSION

## Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

*May 8 through June 12 (6 weeks)*

*Sundays, 9:45 am | 230 Centre*

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 open conversation. This course is a great fit for anyone who wants to know more about questions such as "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and "What Happens When We Pray?" There will be good food, a meaningful video presentation, and safe conversation to express questions and doubts. Email Pastor Brent McDougal at [bmcdougal@fbcknox.org](mailto:bmcdougal@fbcknox.org) to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

## Music and Missions Open House

*Wednesday, May 11, 5:45 pm | Preschool and Children's Floors*

We are excited to try something NEW this year to end our weekly choir and mission programs until the Fall. Parents and any other interested adults are invited to participate in an Open House. Beginning at 5:45 parents will visit their child's choir classroom where they will see and hear all of the many songs and other activities that their children have been working on this year. At 6:25 adults will proceed to their child's mission classroom where they will see all of the wonderful mission activities and service projects in which their child has participated. At 7 pm in Trentham Hall, we will gather for a make-your-own sundae party! Please plan to join us as we wrap up a wonderful year! This will be the last meeting until August.



COMMUNITY

## Ordination of Janie Powell to the Ministry of Chaplaincy

*Sunday, May 22, 4 pm | Sanctuary*

All are invited to a time of worship, affirmation, and blessing as we ordain Janie Powell. Ordination is the acknowledgment by a community of believers that a person has been called to ministry. It also involves a collective "commission" of a person's life to do the work of God in a particular way. Come celebrate Janie's call and pray for this next momentous step along her journey of following Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Race Relations in Downtown Knoxville: A Historical Perspective

Wednesday, May 25 from 6-7pm | Trentham Hall/Livestream

Presented by Bob Booker, Former City Councilman and Executive Director of the Beck Cultural Center

As a people who are both planted in the downtown community and called to reconciliation, it's important for us to pursue a historical understanding of our city. Join us for a conversation, led by historian Bob Booker, about race relations in Knoxville, especially regarding the Urban Renewal Project from the 1950's through the 1970's. Plan to attend and email Pastor Brent McDougal with any questions about the evening ([bmcdougal@fbcknox.org](mailto:bmcdougal@fbcknox.org)).



COMMUNITY

## Summer Outreach Opportunity with Appalachian Outreach

June 6-10

Final day to sign up is Friday, May 13th. This outreach team will serve families living in substandard conditions in East Tennessee. The 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](http://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). To sign up for this opportunity, contact Tim Boone at [tboone@fbcknox.org](mailto:tboone@fbcknox.org).



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## Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 15 | Both Services

As the school year comes to a close, we want to honor and recognize the hard work of FBC's high school and college graduates. We will recognize our high schoolers on stage and our college graduates in the bulletin. For this recognition, please [email the following information](#) to Michelle Allen ([mallen@fbcknox.org](mailto:mallen@fbcknox.org)) by MAY 11:

*High school graduates:* the school they are graduating from, where they plan to attend/what they plan to do, and their photograph.

*College graduates:* the school they are graduating from and their degree received.

**We do not want to leave anyone out, so please notify us ASAP if you have a high school or college graduate!**



COMMUNITY

## Senior Adult Event

Thursday, May 19, 12:15 pm | Trentham Hall

Senior Adults are invited to join David Crocker as he discusses his book, *Compassionaries: Unleash the Power of Serving*. David says, "Compassionaries are about doing what they can to apply the power of serving to the vast needs of people who are hurting, hopeless and hapless - transforming their own lives and those they touch." Come learn about the power of serving. Lunch will also be offered at 11:30 am. RSVP to [pneal@fbcknox.org](mailto:pneal@fbcknox.org) by May 13.



COMMUNITY

## Ukraine Food Packing Mission

Saturday, June 11, 8 am-7 pm | Knoxville Expo Center

On Saturday, June 11th, Operation Inasmuch will be packing meals that will be directly shipped to Poland and distributed to the Ukrainian people in need. They need 1,375 total volunteering.. There are five different shifts on that Saturday, each shift lasting just 2 hours. Sign up at [operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/](http://operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/).



MISSION

## Summer Music Camp

July 25-29 | Trentham Hall

Mark your calendars for this year's Summer Music Camp, Parables and Percussion. For children ages 1st - 5th Grade, camp will be daily from 9 am until noon, and there is no charge to take part. Watch upcoming announcements for more information or contact [rbuerkle@fbcknox.org](mailto:rbuerkle@fbcknox.org).



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## Coming Up This Week

**Monday, 8:30 am, Dwell**

Coffee & Community

**Tuesday, 10:30 am, Room 302**

WOM

**Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall**

Dinner, Adult Bible Study, Children & Youth Activities

**Thursday, 10:30 am**

Golden Notes, Room 302

**Thursday, 6 pm**

Committees & Councils Meetings

**Thursday, 7:30 pm**

Church Council Meeting

**Ladies' Luncheon, 11:30 am**

Trentham Hall

**VISITING?**

Let us know you're here!



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