

First Community | May 15, 2022

Countdown

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Bring your tired and bring your shame
Bring your guilt and bring your pain
Don't you know that's not your name
You will always be much more to me

Every day I wrestle with the voices
That keep telling me I'm not right
But that's alright

*'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed
When others say I'll never be enough
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world
In the world in the world
And greater is the One living inside of me
Than he who is living in the world*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears
Bring your hurt and bring your tears
There'll be no condemnation here
You are holy righteous and redeemed

Every time I fall
There'll be those who will call me a mistake
Well that's ok

Woah oh oh
Woah oh
(He's greater He's greater)

There'll be days I lose the battle
Grace says that it doesn't matter
'Cause the cross already won the war
(He's greater He's greater)
I am learning to run freely
Understanding just how He sees me
And it makes me love Him more and more
(He's greater He's greater)
(REPEAT)

Than he who is living in the world

Welcome | Pam Neal

Scripture Reading (Matthew 5:44-48) | Chuck Powell

But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Christ in Me

Bernie Herms | Jeremy Camp

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In this obsession with
The things this world says make us happy
Can't see the slaves we are
In all this searching all the grasping
Like we deserve much more
Than all these blessings we're holding
So now I'm running free
Into an ocean of mercy unending

*So come and empty me
So that it's You I breathe
I want my life to be
Only Christ in me
So I will fix my eyes
'Cause You're my source of life
I need the world to see
That it's Christ in me yeah
That it's Christ in me yeah*

I'm done with what holds me down
The things I once was chasing after
Throw off these heavy chains
That I have let become my master
Oh so now I'm running free
Into an ocean of mercy unending

In this obsession with
The things this world says make us happy yeah
Can't see the slaves we are
In all this searching all the grasping yeah

So come and empty me
So that it's You I breathe
I want my life to be
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Only Christ in me
Christ in me

Pastoral Prayer | Chuck Powell

Battle Belongs

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

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When all I see is the battle
You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain
You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow
Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now
For I am safe with You

*So when I fight I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You*

And if You are for me
Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing
Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes
You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross
God You see the empty tomb

(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God
You shine in the shadows
You win every battle
Nothing can stand against
The power of our God

O God the battle belongs to You

Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Building Better Relationships
Today's Message: Building Better Relationships with
Difficult People | Matthew 5:44-48

From the Inside Out

Joel Houston

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A thousand times I've failed
Still Your mercy remains
And should I stumble again
Still I'm caught in Your grace
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

Your will above all else
My purpose remains
The art of losing myself
In bringing You praise
Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame

*In my heart in my soul
Lord I give You control
Consume me from the inside out Lord
Let justice and praise
Become my embrace
To love You from the inside out*

*Everlasting
Your light will shine when all else fades
Never-ending
Your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart
Is to bring You praise
From the inside out
Lord my soul cries out (Lord)*

Worship Through Giving/Announcements | Tim Boone

Spoken Benediction | Tim Boone

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SERMONNOTES

*Building Better Relationships
With Difficult People
Matthew 5: 43-48
Pastor Brent McDougal*

One of the greatest challenges today's graduates will face is the struggle to get along with difficult people. What does Jesus teach about loving our enemies and dealing with people who would seek to treat us unkindly or even do us harm?

*"God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners"
(Romans 5:8, NLT).*

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 7:21, NIV).

If Jesus is truly Lord, then we need to hear clearly His words and be willing to obey them.

Three questions for reflection:

Will you shift your perspective to view your enemy as your _____?

*"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD" (Leviticus 19:18, NIV).*

Will you be all-embracing in your _____, as God's love embraces all?

*"He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?"
(Matthew 5:45b-47, NIV).*

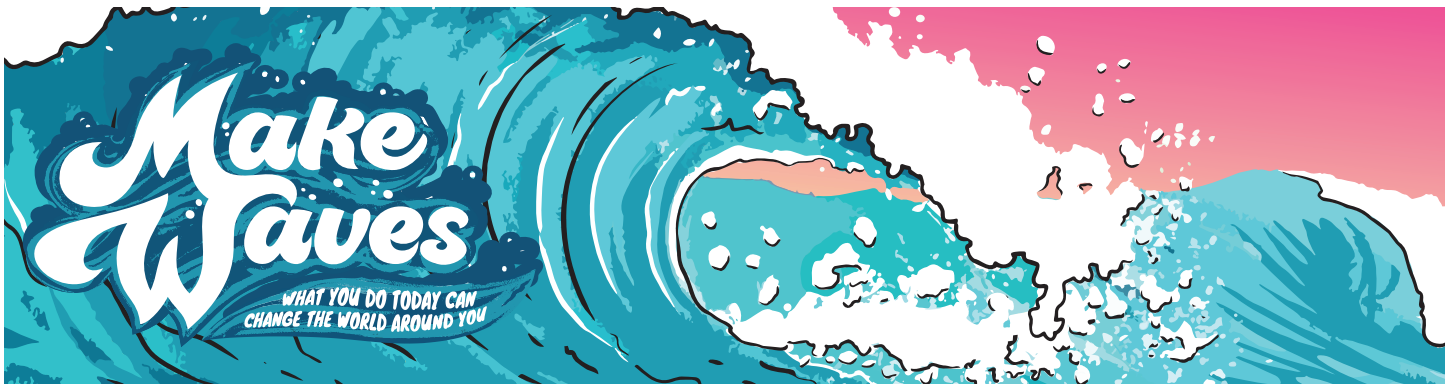
Will you _____ for your enemies such that you view them from God's perspective?

*"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you"
(Luke 6:27-28, NIV).*

*"It's no evidence of the grace of God to love people who love us. It is only by loving people who injure us, talk about us, or in some way offend us that we can demonstrate that we know the love of God."
(Malcolm Tolbert, from Good News From Matthew)*

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

SPOTLIGHT ON



Kids Camp

Connecting Kids to a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ

In the summer of 2007, our FBC youth group attended their youth camp in Orange Beach, AL. On the last night of camp as they were having discussions about what a great week this had been, the desire to provide something similar for our elementary-aged kids was raised. This group of youth decided that they wanted to make that happen for the next summer and in the summer of 2008, Kids Camp was born!

Our youth provide the leadership, lead the worship services, prepared and lead small group Bible studies, provide wonderful recreational games, and all of the other aspects that go into making Kids Camp an unbelievable experience every year (except for 2020 when we had to cancel due to COVID) for our 3rd-5th graders.

FBC members have always provided scholarships so that kids who otherwise might not be able to attend can participate.

Our 2022 theme for this year is Make Waves: What you can do today can change the world around you! The big news is that we have opened up camp to rising third graders this year!

Contact Susan for more information and to register your child! Friends are encouraged to attend as well! Registration ends Sunday, May 18.

Thank you FBC for supporting this opportunity each year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Menu

Join us next week for dinner beginning at 5 pm. We will be serving pork loin, spiced apples, buttered cabbage, roasted red potatoes, corn muffins, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability. We will be having the Quarterly Business Meeting at 6 pm.



COMMUNITY

Care First Ministry - Volunteers Needed Every Tuesday

Help serve our neighbors downtown by serving food, facilitating showers, and building relationships with ministry guests. 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 if you would like to be involved.



COMMUNITY

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

May 8 through June 12 (6 weeks)

*Sundays, 9:45 am | *Meeting in Room 242 on May 15*

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 to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

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

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).



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. 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.



MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 by May 17.



COMMUNITY

Discover First

Sunday, May 22, 9:45 am | Room 242

For those who are thinking about becoming members of First Baptist or have joined recently, the next session of Discover First will be on May 22, at 9:45 am, in Room 242. 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 May 22 for Discover First. Please RSVP by May 20 to Pam Neal at pneal@fbcknox.org.



DISCIPLESHIP

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 volunteers. There are five different shifts on that Saturday, each shift lasting just 2 hours. Sign up at operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/.



MISSION

VBS 2022: It's going to be MONUMENTAL!

July 11-15

We will spend the week of July 11-15 from 9-12:15 Celebrating God's Greatness but we NEED YOUR HELP! We need 70-80 volunteers in various areas to make this happen, please contact Susan at statum@fbcknox.org to find out where you can plug in!



WORSHIP

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.



WORSHIP

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 three spots remaining! Final day to sign-up is June 24th (\$750 deposit due). For more information, contact Tim Boone at tboone@fbcknox.org.



MISSION

Monthly Budget			Last Week's Attendance	
Revenue (all sources)	Mar '22	Fiscal YTD	First Community	67
Expenses	\$145,646	\$1,640,995	11 am	245
Excess/Deficit	\$188,557	\$1,454,109	Worship Total	312
	(\$42,910)	\$186,885		

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Coming Up This Week

Monday, 8:30 am, Dwell

Coffee & Community

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Dinner & Business Meeting

Thursday, 10:30 am, Room 302

Golden Notes

Sunday

Senior Adult Sunday

Sunday, 9:45 am, Room 230

Alpha

Sunday, 9:45 am, Room 242

Discover First

Sunday, 4 pm, Sanctuary

Ordination of Janie Powell

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