



Today's Message: Building a Better Relationship with God

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Countdown

Open Up the Heavens

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We've waited for this day

We're gathered in Your Name

Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire

Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here

You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart

Filling every part of our praise

Oo oo oo oo oo

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky

Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now

Lord unveil our eyes

Show us show us Your glory

Show us show us Your power

Show us show us Your glory Lord

Oo oo oo oo oo

Welcome | Susan Tatum

Scripture Reading (Romans 5:10-11) | Chuck Powell

For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

I Am

David Crowder | Ed Cash

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There's no space that His love can't reach

There's no place where we can't find peace

There's no end to amazing grace

Take me in with Your arms spread wide

Take me in like an orphan child

Never let go never leave my side

I am holding onto You

I am holding onto You

In the middle of the storm

I am holding on (I am)

Love like this O my God to find

I am overwhelmed with a joy divine

Love like this sets our hearts on fire

This is my resurrection song

This is my hallelujah come

This is why it's to You I run

(REPEAT)

There's no space that His love can't reach

There's no place where we can't find peace

There's no end to amazing grace

I am

In the middle of the storm

I am holding on I am

Pastoral Prayer | Pam Neal

Each week we pray for a local church. This week we are praying for Mount Zion Baptist Church.

Chain Breaker

Jonathan Smith | Mia Fieldes | Zach Williams

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If you've been walking the same old road

For miles and miles

If you've been hearing the same old voice

Tell the same old lies

If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside

There's a better life
There's a better life

*If you've got pain He's a pain taker
If you feel lost He's a way maker
If you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains He's a chain breaker*

We've all searched for the light of day
In the dead of night
We've all found ourselves worn out
From the same old fight
We've all run to things we know just ain't right
When there's a better life
There's a better life

If you believe it
If you receive it
If you can feel it
Somebody testify

Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains well He's a chain breaker

Sermon | Dr. Brent McDougal

Sermon Series: Building Better Relationships
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| Romans 5:10-11

Is He Worthy?

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive
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Do you feel the world is broken
We do
Do you feel the shadows deepen
We do
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through
We do
Do you wish that you could see it all made new
We do

Is all creation groaning
It is
Is a new creation coming
It is
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst
It is
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this

It is

*Is anyone worthy
Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this
He is*

Does the Father truly love us
He does
Does the Spirit move among us
He does
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves
He does
Does our God intend to dwell again with us
He does

*Is anyone worthy
Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy
Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this
He is*

Is He worthy
Is He worthy
He is
He is

Worship Through Offering | Tim Boone

Ministry Opportunity | Arthur Kirkland, Gideon

Spoken Benediction | Tim Boone

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

SERMONNOTES

Building a Better Relationship with God

Romans 5:10-11

Pastor Brent McDougal

We've been focusing for the last few weeks on how to have better relationships - better friendships, better relationships with family members, even better relationships with difficult people.

But sometimes you can lose your focus on the one relationship that matters the most: your relationship with God.

What can you do if you have lost your focus on God?

"If you return to me, I will restore you so you can continue to serve me. If you speak words that are worthy, you will be my spokesman. You are to influence them; do not let them influence you!" (Jeremiah 15:19, NLT).

"No one shows greater love than when he lays down his life for his friends. And you are my friends if you do what I command" (John 15:13-14, NIV).

"And this is what God commands: that we believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and that we love each other, just as he commanded" (1 John 3:23, NCV).

How can you make God the love of your life?

1. Make the _____ the center of your life.

"Everything else is worthless compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus. I've discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may know Christ" (Philippians 3:8, NLT).

"I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead" (Ephesians 3:10-11, NIV).

2. Be _____ every day before God.

"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a, NIV).

"When you come before God, don't turn it into a theatrical production . . . Just find a quiet, secluded place so you won't be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace" (Matthew 6:5-6, MSG).

3. Deal _____ with anything that gets between you and God.

"You should know that loving the world is the same as hating God. Anyone who wants to be a friend of the 'world' becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:4, NCV).

4. Trust _____ into God's hands.

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken" (Psalm 55:22, NIV).

How is God speaking to you today?

This image shows a blank sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunity to Give to Gideons International for Bible Distribution

Today | 8:45 am and 11 am Worship Services

This Sunday we will be blessed to hear a brief testimony from Arthur Kirkland about the work of the Gideons locally and around the world. You will have the opportunity at the conclusion of each service to donate toward the gift of one or more Bibles in honor or memory of someone. Consider giving to this vital ministry.



MISSION

Smokies Baseball Game

Thursday, June 23, 7 pm

Senior Adults are looking forward to attending a Smokies Baseball Game on Thursday, June 23rd at 7 pm. Tickets are \$24 for the game and food voucher. **The deadline for purchasing tickets is TODAY.** Everyone is welcome. For more information or questions, please contact Pam at pneal@fbcknox.org.



COMMUNITY

Alpha Course on the Basics of Faith

May 8 through June 12 (Six 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 to express your interest.



DISCIPLESHIP

Office Closed for Memorial Day

Monday, May 30

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 30. As we observe this holiday, we are grateful for those who gave their lives in service to our country.



COMMUNITY

Wednesday Night Menu

Join us next week for dinner beginning at 5 pm. We will be having a salad bar, baked potato, roll, and dessert. Menu is subject to change upon product availability.



COMMUNITY

Summer Outreach Opportunity with Appalachian Outreach

June 6-10

The FBC Home Repair Team will serve a single homeowner in Strawberry Plains by building a handicap ramp and fixing a roof. We need your help! Even if you can only help part of the week, please let Tim Boone know at tboone@fbcknox.org. Learn more about AO at aoministry.org. Monday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm.



MISSION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 two hours. Sign up at operationinasmuch.org/ukraine/.



MISSION

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VBS!

July 11-15

Our Monumental VBS will be here in just a few short weeks! July 11-15 from 9:00 am-12:15 pm are the dates and times. VBS is for children ages 3 years-5th grade completed. You can now pre-register your child(ren) online at fbcknox.org/VBS. The first 15 families that pre-register will receive a Sing and Play Celebration Music CD, so pre-register TODAY!



DISCIPLESHIP

Summer Music Camp: Parables and Percussion

July 25-29 | Trentham Hall

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. We are collecting items to use during camp, so please bring oatmeal canisters, Pringles cans, peanut cans, coffee cans without a sharp edge, small plastic milk bottles (anything that can become a drum) to the Welcome Center!



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

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.



MISSION

Monthly Budget			Last Week's Attendance	
Revenue (all sources)	April '22	Fiscal YTD	First Community	63
Expenses	\$150,186	\$1,791,181	11 am	222
Excess/Deficit	\$186,188	\$1,640,307	Worship Total	285
	(\$36,002)	\$150,874		

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Coming Up This Week

Monday

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Back Parking Lot, 5:30 pm

Care First

Wednesday, 5 pm, Trentham Hall

Dinner & Bible Study

Sunday, 9:45 am, 230 Centre

Alpha

VISITING?

Let us know you're here!



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